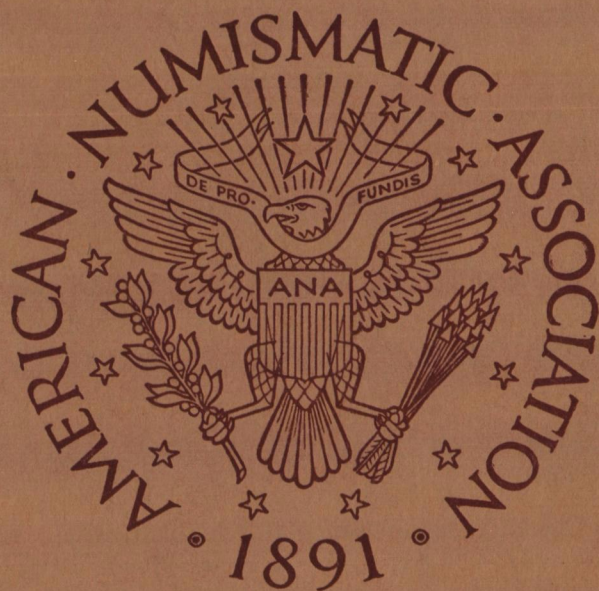


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Top of the Clubs

Editor's note: The following items were selected from this month's club reports because of newsworthiness and general interest.

The **Atlanta Coin Club** held quite a session recently on the question of cleaning coins and reached the conclusion that rare and proof coins should not be cleaned and that cleaned coins do not fool experts. Methods, each with proponents and opponents, included the use of lemon juice and baking soda; immersing copper coins in Worcester sauce a few moments; rubbing coin gently with dry baking soda and following with a slight amount of olive oil and, after a time, wiping it dry; "pushing copper and silver coins in an Irish potato" for a short time; ammonia and baking soda; silver polish, etc. Consensus? Be careful.

"The World's Greatest Collection" formed by Louis Eliasberg, member of the **Baltimore Coin Club**, will be displayed at the A.N.A. Chicago convention in 1956.

The **Bergen County Coin Club** meets regularly in a firehouse.

The **Dayton Coin Club** conferred a 10-year honorary membership on the infant son of Mr. DeHart.

The **East Bay Coin Club** has planned a second trip to the Parks air force base hospital.

Many clubs are showing A.N.A. slide sets, evidence that this phase of A.N.A. activity is a worthy one. Glenn Smedley, chairman of the visual education committee, will be happy to give complete information to any club requesting it.

Oak Park Coin Club will also have a bulletin board on which its members may post buy-and-sell notices, after Warren Kimball constructs it.

Abe Kosoff's "Money Talks" was heard by a number of California clubs recently.

Grant P. Hatch was given a testimonial dinner by 60 of his friends on his 90th birthday July 10. Mr. Hatch is one of the oldest members of the **Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**.

San Diego Numismatic Society exhibited at the Southern California Exposition and San Diego County Fair this year, 21 members taking part in what was one of the most popular displays of the exposition. The grand prize ribbon went to Eugene Cooper who showed a collection of

ancient Greek silver. Other awards were won by Tom Ward, Al Beckett, Leonel Panosh, Atwood MacDonald, Francis S. Jones and Clive Foss.

The **San Fernando Valley Coin Club** heard an instructive talk on "The Legal Aspect of Numismatics" by Earl Whitehead, an attorney.

Wonder what kind of a game "I Have a Secret" is? **Topeka Coin Club** says it "promises to become an interesting game."

Exhibit oddments—Two Pennsylvania national guard medals of World War I and the Mexican border, 1916, by J. Otto Schweizer (Julius Windner, Philadelphia CC). Telephone medals (Laura Levesque, Boston Numismatic Society). Medals of the Renaissance, Napoleon, United States (June Pond, Boston Numismatic Society). 1921 Morgan proof dollar (Harry X Boosel, Chicago CC). Wooden hand carved 1804 U. S. dollar about eight inches in diameter (George Habermehl, Chicago CC). Book on China (Roy Hill, East Bay CC). Brilliant uncirculated roll of 1935-D nickels (Milton Smith, Long Island CC). Complete 20th century type set, uncirculated and proof (Kenneth Petcher, Greater Cleveland Junior CC). Japanese gold coins, medals and two gold decorated Samurai swords (Dr. Verner G. Rich, Orange County CC). Complete set of Dahlonga gold (Jackson Bennett, Atlanta CC). Canadian shipplasters (Joe Shearman, Oregon Numismatic Society). Indian arrowheads (Peter S. Favro, Toronto CC). Large box of "Wheaties" (Atlanta CC). Chinese temple coins and currency (Richard T. Foley, Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society). Bronze medals of United States, Germany and Masonic order (W. C. Piper, Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society) and silver papal medals (R. A. Coleman, same society). Large cents depicting die varieties, overdates, "corrective errors." (R. Fiscus, Indianapolis CC). Thirty-two different papal crowns (Raymond Gallo, Westchester County CC). Round wooden peg from the Medina county jail built in 1804 and pie crimpers made from half cents and large cents by Civil war prisoners held in the jail (Macy Hallock, Western Reserve Numismatic C). Two buttons from George Washington's uniform (Dr. Sargis, Western Reserve Numismatic C). Widow's mite and shekel of Tyre (Michael Granis, Brooklyn CC).

Numismatists are partly to blame for the long eclipse coins have suffered as tools of historical research, but the author sees indications that historians once again are giving numismatics serious consideration.

INDESTRUCTIBLE DOCUMENTS OF HISTORY

By R. A. G. Carson

ONLY something over a century ago the writer of history of the ancient world or even of events nearer his own time was content to rely on the accounts compiled by contemporary or near-contemporary observers and chroniclers. Even Gibbon's great history of the Roman Empire is based mainly on the accounts of the ancient historians, though he does have an occasional allusion to sculpture and architecture and to coins which he, with an appreciation of their true character, calls medals.

But the modern writing of history, particularly the history of the ancient world, is a vastly different business. John Buchan, whose studies of Montrose and Cromwell and, in the field of ancient history, of Augustus, had rendered him familiar with the problems of writing history, has this to say in his autobiography. "In history we have had, of late, no venture on the grand scale. Perhaps such work is now less easy because of a more scientific view of evidence and an austere conscience in the historian. The work of the quarriers and the masons has become so intricate that architects have been compelled to limit the scale of their buildings. Few historians would now assent without qualification to J. B. Bury's famous dogma. 'History is a science — no less and no more.' It is a

science but a great deal more. It is an art, a synthesis rather than a compilation, an interpretation as well as a chronicle."

That is an apt description of the historian's art; for in the attempt to reproduce an accurate picture of past events the historian must consider evidence from a great variety of sources. He relies no longer solely on the accounts of ancient authors. These, their value greatly enhanced by the collation and study of the manuscripts in which they have descended to us, still form the general basis for the study of ancient history. To the great body of manuscript tradition can now be added the information furnished from the study of even earlier papyri. To amplify the evidence from this main source the historian can use evidence provided by kindred disciplines of an archaeological nature. The study of sculpture, of architecture and architectural monuments can contribute much to the total of knowledge. One has to think only of great monuments such as Trajan's column or the Ara Pacis. Inscriptions of all kinds from the great *Res Gestae* of Augustus at Ancyra down to the humblest stamped tile provide additional information for the historian. Even ancient paintings, notably the great series, preserved so fortunately for us from Pompeium, are now put to use. Last, and in my opinion, not least, are coins, and it is with the use of coins as an apparatus of archaeological research and historical study that I am now concerned.

As it would be impracticable, in such a brief space, to consider the relation of numismatics to the whole

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field of archæology and history, the present inquiry is limited to the field of ancient history, particularly that of Rome. But much that is true of the relationship of these studies in the particular field will have equal application in others, certainly up to the time when printing made possible a fuller record. Coins are, in effect, the almost indestructible documents of history. This was early recognized and collections of records in earlier centuries consisted of printed books, manuscripts and coins. Such tripartite collections still persist, for instance in the *Bibliothèque Nationale* in Paris.

This early recognition of the value of coins as a record of history did not, however, insure that numismatics should retain such a high opinion. A number of factors combined to banish numismatics, in its early days, to the wilderness from which it is only now returning. Admittedly men like Vaillant in the 17th century with his *Numismata imperatorum Romanorum* and Khell with his *Numismata graeca populorum et urbium* in the 18th century produced records of the coin evidence of the Greek and Roman civilizations; but it was precisely such works that eventually secured to numismatics a place considerably lower than the angels of other disciplines; for coins were, in such compilations, used merely as illustrations of history as it was already known and not to make an independent contribution to history. The possibilities of numismatics receded even further into the background with the exploitation in the 19th century of the more exciting possibilities of the newer archæological disciplines.

The attempts made from the later 19th century onwards to re-establish numismatics as an auxiliary of historical research have, however, been largely unsuccessful because of the attitude of "pure" historians, an attitude which refuses to treat seriously the evidence of coins or the attempts to evaluate that evidence. To the latter I shall return shortly. The sad truth of the matter probably is that coins, even ancient coins,

are to this day relatively common objects. Were they to be invested with the qualities of uniqueness of, say, an inscription or the remoteness and inaccessibility of a frontier post, a higher valuation might automatically be placed on them. Numismatics is too often confounded with coin collecting. Your devout historian tends to be an intellectual ascetic and, as such, regards coins, which are collected by all sorts and conditions of men, as in some way not a proper subject for study. These are not, most probably, conscious attitudes but, I am convinced, historians are conditioned to think subconsciously along these lines.

Numismatists themselves must, however, shoulder a large part of the responsibility for the unwillingness of the general historian to accept coins as a worthwhile source of historical evidence. In the great development toward the scientific study of history in the 19th century those with the initial qualifications, an intimate knowledge of the coin material, failed to keep abreast. In the field of Roman republican coinage, for instance, it was left to Mommsen, not principally a numismatist, to do for coins what he had already done in many other fields, to produce a scientific assessment of the material. Much numismatic work has been highly criticized for the painfully obvious unfamiliarity of the authors with kindred disciplines, an unfamiliarity resulting in conclusions patently untenable. An eminent modern historian recently impressed this point on an audience of numismatists by a parody of the method of numismatic research *in vacuo*. The numismatist of some centuries hence, he said, would, on the evidence of the modern farthing, with its device of a wren, expatiate on the well-known British love of birds and animals and, if he had some inkling of other historical sources, would, because of the date somewhere in the early 1940s, see in the wren some canting reference to the existence of that branch of the Royal Navy popularly known as "Wrens."

For such reasons numismatics has been ignored by historians until

very recently as a worthwhile source of historical information, or, at best, historians have regarded the information derived from the study of coins as unreliable. But surely this reproach cannot now be levelled against numismatics as a whole. In recent decades a number of scholars, primarily numismatists, have gained regard as historians, men like the late Sir George Hill and Harold Mattingly. Indeed, the unique qualifications of a numismatist to write the history of certain eras was recognized by the editors of Vol. XII of the Cambridge *Ancient History* who called on Mattingly and Afoldi for chapters in the history of the 3rd century A.D.

What then is the claim of numismatics to be a discipline with a real contribution to make to historical knowledge? Ancient coins generally and those of the Roman Empire in particular are predominantly medallic in character and, in their reflections of happenings and movements, religious and political, supply an almost continuous commentary on events of every kind. The witness of coins is at least as reliable as that of other sources, if not more so. The ancient historians were inevitably limited for true knowledge to the events of which they were themselves contemporaries and the texts of the ancient historians as we now have them have passed through many vicissitudes and are at many removes from the originals. As we know only too well now, ancient historians tended to retail a very subjective version of events. Admittedly, Roman imperial coins cannot be regarded as purely objective documents for they represent the official version of events but that is a version that it is not always possible to obtain from literary sources.

The great mass of inscriptions yields a magnificent harvest of chronological data but inscriptions are, by their nature, generally unique documents. When imperial dates are in question the evidence of the coins is not limited to a single document. It is not the number of coins recording a given date that is important, for the coins

might all be from the same die and of no greater consequence than reproductions of say one inscription. The vital fact is the number of different dies which can be detected. Repeated on a large number of coin dies the same information can scarcely be regarded as deriving from an accidental error. Where the information deriving from an inscription and from a whole series of coin dies is at odds, the record of the coins is more likely to be accurate.

The evidence which can be derived from the collection and annotation of coin material can throughout Roman imperial history supply corroboration, correction and sometimes confutation of the picture derived from the evidence of other sources of history; but numismatics, though it is often only one of history's handmaidens, is not always a mere supplementary discipline. It can, on occasions, be the prime source of historical knowledge.

Particularly is this so in the turbulent times of the third century A.D. The great contemporary literary sources fail in the early part of the century, Dio Cassius in the reign of Severus Alexander and Herodian about 238. This grievous lack of certain knowledge of that crisis from which the empire emerged in a new political and economic guise was commented on by Rostovtzeff. In his *Social and Economic History of the Roman Empire* he says of the third century. "The Latin biographies (the Augustan History) cannot be used for a reconstruction of more than an outline of the Empire after the time of the Gordians (238). We may accept this meagre information about social and economic life only when it is supported by some trustworthy testimony found either in the epitomists or in the juridical sources or in documents such as papyri and inscriptions or in coins; and our documentary material is not abundant apart from coins."

Even as early in the third century as the reign of Severus Alexander, otherwise comparatively well-documented by the literary authorities, there are at least two pieces of



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1. Sestertius of Severus Alexander, issued 224 A.D., recording the transformation of the temple of Sol Invictus, erected by Elagabalus, into a temple of Jupiter Ultor.

2. Dupondii of Severus Alexander, issued 228 A.D., recording a restoration of the mint.

3. Antoninianus of Laelian, usurping emperor in Gaul, 268 A.D.

4. Aureus of Marius, usurping emperor in Gaul, 268 A.D.

5. Aureus of Victorinus, usurper emperor in Gaul, 268-270 A.D.

6. Aureus of Tetricus I, usurper emperor in Gaul, 270-274 A.D.

7. Antoniniani struck at Milan for the Gallic emperor, Postumus, 268 A.D.

8. Antoninianus of Diocletian, struck in Britain by Carausius.

9. Antoninianus of Maximian, struck in Britain by Carausius.

10. Antoninianus of the British emperor, Carausius, 287-293 A.D., with the portraits of Maximian, Carausius and Diocletian.

information which are supplied by the coins alone. A number of coins and medallions, datable to the year 224 by the emperor's tribunician power, show a building which the coin legend says was dedicated to Jupiter Ultor (Fig. 1). The building shown is a reproduction in exact details of a temple of Sol Invictus erected by Elagabalus and depicted on one of his medallions. It appears, then, that Alexander transformed the temple erected by his predecessor to his now obnoxious Syrian deity into one for the more acceptable cult of Jupiter. A similarly recorded restoration of the *moneta* by Alexander, explained by some as a coinage reform of which the coinage itself shows no adequate sign, must refer to some otherwise unrecorded reconstruction of the mint for which *Moneta* is the common term (Fig. 2).

But it is in the time of the great schisms and usurpations later in the third century that coins prove to be one of the most important sources of independent information. By means of the coins the full tale of the Thirty Tyrants, so painstakingly assembled in the Augustan History can be subjected to scrutiny. As coinage had become an almost inseparable attribute of the emperor and was certainly valued as a prime means of propaganda, we can be fairly assured that any tyrant for whom no coins are known was, at best, ephemeral and in all likelihood, an invention of the biographer. Not only do coins enable us to determine the true order of the emperors in Gaul—Postumus, Laelian (Fig. 3), Marius (Fig. 4), Victorinus (Fig. 5), and Tetricus (Fig. 6), but from the chronological data which they bear the duration of the Gallic empire is proved to be 259 to 274. The establishment of these dates has a direct bearing on the controversial question of the date when the emperor Valerian was captured by the Persians.

For something of the internal history of the Gallic empire we are indebted to the coin record. The mint signature on the coins of Postumus shows that, unexpectedly, Cologne, close to the frontier with

the barbarian world though it was, was the mint for the coinage of Postumus and one of the mints for his successors. A recently discovered coin of Postumus (Fig. 7), with type and legend of an ambassadorial Mercury, capable of close dating, taken in conjunction with the tradition in the Augustan History of a war between Postumus and Gallienus and a reference in the continuer of Dio Cassius provides strong evidence for a certain date for this campaign. The defection of Aureolus, Gallienus' commander of the mobile reserve of cavalry at Milan, to the side of Postumus in 268 becomes warranted fact, for a series of coins of Postumus with types with explicit reference to the cavalry can be incontestably attributed to the mint at Milan.

The literary authorities provide the official view of the relations between the tetrarchy of Diocletian and the separate empire of Britain, established by Carausius. From these sources it is clear that there was an abortive attempt by the central empire to recover Britain but it is only from coins of Carausius that we learn that there followed a tacit recognition of Carausius or at least that Carausius construed the situation as such. His coins refer to three Augusti—Diocletian, Maximian and himself. He even struck coins (Figs. 8 and 9) in the names of the other two emperors and for good measure added an issue with the joint portraits of all three, with the legend *Carausius et fratres sui*, "Carausius and his brother emperors" (Fig. 10).

Though these examples, from a given period, of coins forming the prime and, sometimes, the sole source of historical knowledge could be multiplied from almost all periods of history, they are not arguments for that almost vanished race of numismatists who regard their science as an end in itself. The task of the numismatist is to perfect his knowledge of the coin material of a given period, to annotate its evidence in the light of the knowledge provided by kindred disciplines and

to present it so that it can be used by others in that reconstruction of past events which is history.

Numismatics as a contributory and, sometimes, as a prime source of historical evidence has a part to play in historical study. The historian, to be well equipped for his task, recognizes that he must know something of the methods of the epigraphist, of the papyrologist and even of the art-historian so that he can appraise the material they contribute to the general study. Simi-

larly, he should not refuse to remain unaware of numismatic method and its contribution, for, in the words of a great contemporary numismatist and historian, "it is beyond doubt that in the coins lies a treasure, partly won, partly awaiting further study as a condition of its full exploitation, a treasure, which, failing new discoveries of inscriptions or manuscripts, offers almost the only chance of penetrating the darkness that still envelops so much of history."

PACIFIC COAST'S 40TH BIRTHDAY

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society of San Francisco celebrated its 40th anniversary with a banquet meeting, 63 members and guests attending. There was a large birthday cake and the society's commemorative collection of 1915 items was on display.

Ross P. Buell, superintendent of the U. S. mint at San Francisco, spoke on "Impressions of a Mint Superintendent." John E. Ohls, P.C.N.S. president, read a paper on the history of the society.

P.C.N.S. honored one of its members, Earl A. Parker, with a plaque. A. Kosoff made the presentation. Frank X. Galvin caricatured the

life of Parker in a parody of "Davy Crockett," which was sung by a quartet wearing coonskin caps.

The society was founded by Farran Zerbe the same year the Panama-Pacific international exposition opened. Its first president was Frederick T. Huddart; the first vice president, Arthur C. Nygren; and the first secretary, I. Leland Steinman. Its library springs from a nucleus of books donated by Pres. Huddart. Only one charter member, H. L. Hill of San Diego, survives, but some of the other old-timers still living are B. Max Mehl, Lloyd Sherow, John Rausch, James Schwabacker, and George Blake.



Left to right, John E. Ohls, R. C. Patterson, A. Kosoff, Mrs. Eula Jacobsen, Earl Parker, Ross P. Buell, Cmdr. H. F. Bowker.

STRANGE MONEY OF THE WORLD

By Col. Phares O. Sigler, A.N.A. No. 9346

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Continued from August issue

GHOST-HEAD OR ANT NOSE MONEY

Asiatic Series No. 5



The above bronze "ghost-head" or "ant nose money" was issued in China 612-589 B.C. They are metallic substitutes for cowrie shell money (see African Series No. 2) and illustrate the evolution from a primitive currency to metallic money. Little is known of their value but, like the cowrie shells, they were probably only employed for small change.

The odd names given to these coins are believed to have resulted from the fact that the Chinese characters on some resembled an ant, and on others resembled a face or skull. These coins are of ancient origin and while the date of their first appearance is not known, it is believed they were in circulation as late as 350 B.C.

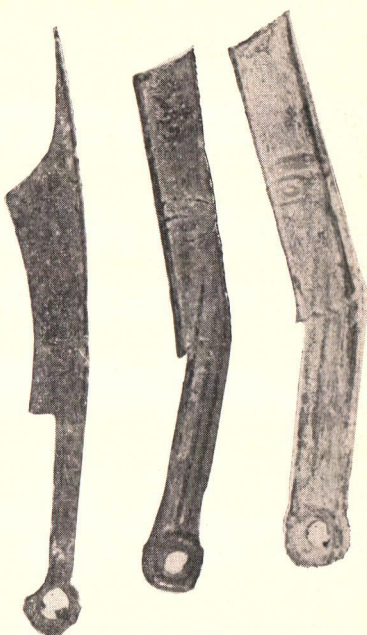
CHINESE KNIFE MONEY

Asiatic Series No. 6

The replica of the early Chinese knives, illustrated above, originated much as did the spade money of China (see No. 7, following). First the actual knives were used as money, and later these were replaced by bronze replicas.

The original knife had a ring on the end which was retained by the replicas making the coins easy to string and carry. This odd form of money is believed to have been used in China from about the seventh century B.C. to the second century B.C.

There is an old Chinese legend that about 650 B.C., on the eve of an expedition, the soldiers of the Duke Hwan, of Tsi, became dissatisfied with the strict regulations on weights and money, and that their general, to satisfy them, granted them the right of using their metal knives for barter. Of course, in later years, this sharp money was replaced by the replicas, which are sometimes called "razor" money because of their resemblance to the old type straight edge razor. Like the spade coins, the knife coins have been found in great quantities



which indicates an extensive circulation.

CHINESE SPADE MONEY

Asiatic Series No. 7



In ancient times the Chinese used agricultural implements as money and

later, about the end of the 12th or 11th century, B.C., bronze replicas of spades were substituted for the actual implement. These were current until about 250 B.C.

The earlier spade currency had a

hollow opening for a shaft, as did the actual implement, but later ones, like that illustrated, omitted the opening. The Chinese called this spade or hoe coin a *pu*.

(To be continued)

Obituaries

ELLIS E. WATERMAN, A.N.A. NO. 7834

Ellis E. Waterman, 74, A.N.A. No. 7834, Portland, Me., died suddenly May 26. He and his wife would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on June 4.

Mr. Waterman was born in Bialystok, Russia, Jan. 12, 1881. He was in the jewelry business in Portland for 56 years, retiring in 1951. A charter member of Shaarey Tphiloh synagogue, he was also a member of B'nai B'rith, Knights of Pythias, Jewish Home for Aged, Mizrachi, Jewish Community Center, and the Portland Hebrew School. He had collected coins for many years and had been a member of the American Numismatic Association for 16 years.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Bella A. Wolf Waterman, survivors include a son, Arthur M.; two daughters, Mrs. Samuel M. Tellan and Miss Harriett W. Waterman; two brothers and a sister. Services were conducted by Rabbi Morris Bekritsky in the Shaarey Tphiloh synagogue, with interment in Mt. Sinai cemetery.

PAUL K. YEAGLEY, A.N.A. NO. 17384

Paul K. Yeagley, A.N.A. No. 17384, of Norwood, Pa., president of the Philadelphia Coin Club, died suddenly on the morning of June 2. A man of varied interests which he supported with energy and enthusiasm, his death was a great shock to his many friends.

He was born in Lebanon, Pa., on Feb. 1, 1893, and graduated from Pennsylvania state university with a degree in mechanical engineering. He served in World War I as a second lieutenant in the signal corps, and afterward maintained a lively interest in the American Legion, becoming a commander of Post 507 in Norwood. Several masonic organizations received his attention, one of his participations being as a member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon band in Chester, Pa. For 30 years he was in the employ of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., near Norwood, serving as an assistant supervisor at the time of his death.

His interest in collecting coins began during his youth and extended to all types of U. S. coins and notes. An exhibit which he prepared of U. S. coins of 1855 and 1955 has been on view at Pennsylvania state university in connection with its centennial celebration this year. He was active for many years in the Philadelphia Coin Club, serving on numerous committees, as vice president during 1953 and 1954, and as president since October, 1954. His cheerful personality and his enthusiastic efforts on behalf of the club and numismatics in general will be greatly missed by all of his associates.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Florence E. Yeagley, and his daughter, Mrs. Betty Lee, of Springfield, Pa. — J.A.B.

Coin Collecting — A Mental Stimulus

By

Dr. Verner G. Rich, A.N.A. No. 17907

ONE of the most reliable marks of a cultured man is his active interest in the ideas and habits of other people. Another sign is a lively imagination, by the use of which he can form a complete picture from a few related facts. Indeed, a man who has the knack for it can become a world traveler without leaving his daily routine. He can live, for an hour a day, in any period of history which he chooses and have as his companions the most exciting people who ever lived. There have been some real characters, too.

Some people feel that facts and a keen imagination are strangers to each other. The actual situation is that facts are the foundations upon which imagination may build an accurate and complete structure. We should never associate imagination with those sometime rascals, fantasies and dreams, unless one refers to misguided wool-gathering.

A coin is a wonderful stimulant to new thoughts. Let us have a few examples.

Here is a gold stater from the city of Treves, in a beautiful branch of the Rhine valley. This coin was minted about 100 B.C. It is not excessively rare. On its obverse is a prancing three-tailed horse and other symbols. On the reverse, a square, a compass, three lights and an eye. With these facts, can you avoid allowing your imagination to work for you?

Another coin has a disjointed horse. It was minted in pre-Roman Britain. These people were children of the forest, who lived without clothes or houses or agriculture. The fact that it was not rare for a person to live in strength and vigor in that time and place is an interesting idea. These people, for

all their lack of civilized accoutrements, held fierce family loyalties. They had an unquenchable love of liberty. They had a reliable sense of right and wrong for their time. They were deeply religious. How about collecting a coin or two from them? How about living among them for an hour each day for awhile?

There is another coin, from Trebizond. It appears quite cluttered with too many symbols. But life in Trebizond was rather cluttered. At one time Trebizond was the Black Sea terminus of the silk road from India and China. Money was easily acquired. So was pleasure. The town grew to the self-styled status of empire and was famed for easy money, beautiful women, fine architecture and excessive living. However, because Trebizond contributed little to the world's cultural store, few today realize it ever existed. Today it is a small Soviet village. In your imagination, transport yourself to old Trebizond. Live it up — wealth, women, wine. Now put the coin back in its envelope.

This could go on indefinitely. Get out that coin with the picture of Simon Bolivar on it. Read his life; ride with him; love with him; win and lose with him; help him establish the freedom, not of one country, but of several.

Let your coins be magic carpets on which you can ride to distant lands, strange people, and different times. There is nothing wrong with being able to draw from memory the complete and accurate design of a 1909-S V.D.V. cent. You bought it for \$3.25 and may be able to sell it for \$8.50 in its present condition. That's profit, yes. But cannot imagination give you profit from your coins, too?

In 1952, 2,752,872 fine ounces of gold were used for industrial arts in the United States. Luxembourg was low, reporting 5 ounces used for dental purposes.

WHAT TO COLLECT?

By

Mariano A. Rodriguez (pseud.)

NOW THAT is a funny question, isn't it? Before answering this question it might be a good idea to ask another one. Why collect? Collecting is a hobby and a hobby is defined as "a favorite pursuit or diversion." It is human nature to drive one's self, to put all of your energy into your work, your business, or your profession and this constant drive uses up energy and if carried to extremes can be the cause of mental or physical breakdowns. In order to avoid taking your job home with you a man should have a hobby, something entirely different from his daily tasks with which to spend his leisure hours. A hobby will do that very thing and will allow a man to occupy his spare time happily.

A hobby need not be collecting as it can also be photography, wood-working, athletics or gardening. And as for collecting, the subject is indeed broad as you find collections of coins, stamps, butterflies, matchboxes, Indian artifacts, etc. Some of these are seasonal as gardening and butterflies, and the more active hobbies are not for the older. So, consult your doctor and take up a hobby. The writer has spent the major part of his working life in foreign service for a major oil company and one of the requirements for employment was a hobby. The idea being, of course, that as there were very few amusements to occupy nonworking hours, a hobby would keep the employee out of saloons and kindred establishments.

Now we have answered the question of why collect so let's decide what to collect. I am a little prejudiced so I'll suggest that you collect coins. Here again, however, we have struck a snag. It would not be wise to just collect coins gen-

erally as the field is so vast that no one person can hope to have even a representative selection. It would appear, therefore, that some limit must be set and our horizon narrowed considerably and if we are going to have a coin collection in which we can take pride we must settle, in a general way, on one series of coins. We still have considerable freedom of choice as there are many series that are large enough that they can never be completed and are thus a goal for even the most ambitious. I am not suggesting that you pick out your series immediately as it will take time to pick out something that will be of interest permanently. Here are a few series that you might think about: American; Spanish; English; Italian; German; French; Scandinavian; crowns; coins with animals, or ships, or religious symbols; large coins; small coins; emergency coins, etc.

My suggestion would be to pick out a country and concentrate on that but don't pick out Andorra or Andaman or even San Marino or Gibraltar as your task would be too quickly completed. Above all, take into consideration your library. For we are collecting coins as a hobby and most of the fun is absent if you are not familiar with your coins and their history or their reason for being. For a few years I recommend that every time you spend \$10.00 on your collection you spend \$1.00 on your library. ("You can't tell the players without a program.") Join a club and the American Numismatic Association as the monthly magazine that you receive will be a big asset to your library.

Probably 90% of American collectors collect American coins and I don't particularly object but they are missing most of the fun of coin collecting. I know it is rank heresy,

but if you are collecting coins for enjoyment, the American series is rather limited. Of course, if you are collecting for a profit, by all means buy a few proof sets and put them away in your vault for 20 years or more, but that defeats the object of a hobby. Much of the enjoyment of a collection is in showing it to your fellow collectors and you can't do that with proofs. You can't even breathe on them. Due to the large number of collectors of American coins the price has risen to such an extent that it is becoming a rich man's hobby. However, if you must collect American coins make it a type set and don't be too liberal in what you call a type.

Collecting by dates accomplishes nothing except to satisfy the "pack rat instinct" that is present in all of us. After all, aside from a monetary standpoint, what does a 1914D Lincoln cent have that a 1954 Lincoln cent does not have? And why must you take pride in the value of your collection? A hobby should be fun. It is nice, of course, to have something that the other fellow does not have but why not get into a series where you can buy a real rarity for pocket change?

The ancient Greek coinage is the king of all collections and nearly all true numismatists go into that series. Here you find art and beauty at its best. From approximately 415 B.C. to approximately 336 B.C. the Greek coinage was at its highest stage and the world's most famous artists and sculptors made the dies for the coins of the period. Also, strange as it may seem, your outlay of cash will be considerably less than a collection of American coins of equal size. There are rarities among the ancients and coins that cost a lot of money but they are not essential and a comprehensive collection can be formed without them.

Ancient coins are being dug up by the thousands each year and abundance naturally holds down prices. Banks were unknown in ancient times so every one buried his savings and in case of sudden or violent death the treasure was lost

until accidentally discovered. Condition cranks will find something lacking as there were no proofs and even if you find uncirculated coins (as is sometimes done) they are probably not well centered. At times a part of the design will be off of the flan. Another strange fact is that all ancient coins (except Oriental) that are not Roman are classified as Greek. However, in making a collection of ancient coins both Greek and Roman are usually included. It is not difficult to learn to identify ancient coins, especially Roman. The alphabet is easily learned and there are numerous handbooks written in English that give you all the information that you need concerning abbreviations, dating, etc. Many of these books are still in print and can be bought for a couple of dollars.

Some of the European countries have been in existence long enough to make it worth-while to form a collection of a single country. Spain has had a coinage system since approximately 300 B.C. and a collection of Spanish coins runs the gamut of coin collecting and should interest any collector. The Greeks from southern France and the Phoenicians from Carthage formed colonies in Spain and each colony had an individual coinage system. The Romans struck vast numbers of coins in Spain. The Visigoths, the Umayyads and the Christian kings added their bit and there were civil wars and pretenders who brought out emergency and siege coins. Modern coins are common and cheap. Knowledge of a foreign language is helpful but not essential as you only need to memorize about 50 words to be equipped for Spanish collecting.

The coinage of England parallels that of Spain and the collector can certainly find something of interest. The first coins of England are the imitations of coins of Gaul. The Gauls were acquainted with Greek coinage of Philip II of Macedon which they imitated. These Gaulish imitations were carried to England and were again imitated by the Celts who were the inhabitants of

England 100 B.C. and before. These Celtic imitations were followed by the coins of the Romans who were in possession of England for 400 years. For 200 years after the withdrawal of the Romans the only coins were imitations of the Roman coinage which reached an all-time low with the production of the minimissimi late in the sixth century. Next comes the coinage of the Anglo-Saxons and the Danish invaders. A united England began with William the Conqueror (1066) and coins are obtainable of all rulers down to the present. Also coins of pretenders and siege or emergency coins are plentiful. England has the additional advantage in that all of the necessary books are in English and no foreign words need be remembered.

Germany, with all of its little kingdoms, principalities, free cities and churches that had coinage privileges, is very interesting and is certainly large enough to fulfill our requirements as to collecting possibilities.

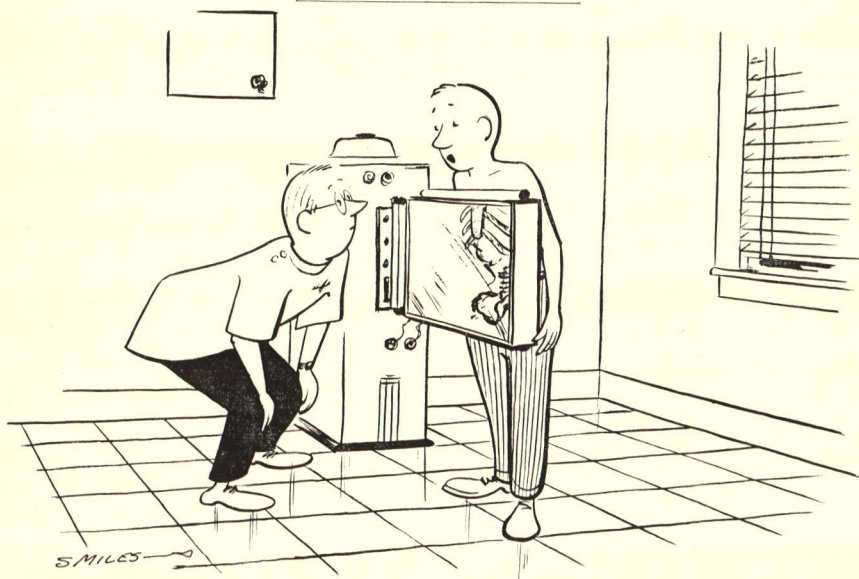
France parallels England and Spain and you can easily obtain pre-Roman, Roman, medieval and mod-

ern coins. Usurpers and pretenders struck coins and siege or emergency pieces are common. Napoleonana alone forms a large series and has been the specialty of several prominent collectors.

Probably the most interesting (and certainly the cheapest) is the Oriental series.

In conclusion, if you want to really enjoy coin collecting get into something where there is absolutely no chance of completing anything. Then buy yourself a few histories and coin books so that you may sit down after supper with your books and coins and pass the time happily. Try to get away from the reading-glass type of variety such as die cracks, large and small letters, mint-mark positions, etc. By reading histories you increase your knowledge and everyone knows that the most interesting talker is the one who can talk intelligently on many subjects.

If I were requested to name a specialty for the young or new collector, I would suggest England due to language similarities and adequate literature.



"Is it maybe a 1913 liberty head, Doctor?"

(Reprinted from *Modern Medicine*, July 1, 1955.)

CALENDAR OF FUTURE NUMISMATIC EVENTS

In order that this Calendar be as complete as possible, secretaries of State or Regional Organizations should advise the General Secretary of future meetings which should be included.

Inquiries, further information, or reservations should be sent to official indicated.

Canadian Numismatic Association. Second annual convention. Sept. 7-8, 1955. Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, Canada.

Ohio State Numismatic Society. Annual convention. Sept. 17-18, 1955. Hotel Secor, Toledo, Ohio. S. L. Szyperski, General Chairman, 222 Austin St., Toledo, Ohio.

Colorado-Wyoming Numismatic Association. Annual convention. Oct. 1-2, 1955. Albany Hotel, Denver, Colo. C. G. Klein, Secretary, 5622 Balsam, Arvada, Colo.

New England Numismatic Association. Annual convention. Oct. 8-9, 1955. Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, Providence, Rhode Island. Horace M. Grant, Honorary Chairman, 109 Empire St., Providence, R. I. Mrs. Edna Czerwonka, Secretary, 111 Shore St., Taunton, Mass.

Empire State Numismatic Association. Fall convention. Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N. Y. October 14, 15, 16. Jacob Cheris, Secretary, 214 State St., Albany, N. Y.

Oklahoma-Kansas Numismatic Association. Eighth annual convention. Oct. 15-16, 1955. Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Quad-City Coin Clubs. Fall biannual convention. October 16, 1955. YMCA, Canton, Ohio. Ernest E. Johnson, 1425 Banner Ct., NW, Canton 3, Ohio.

Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association. Third annual convention. October 28-30, 1955. Hotel Sylvania, Philadelphia, Penna. George W. Magee, General Chairman, 1304 Yarmouth Rd., Philadelphia 31, Penna. Eldridge G. Jones, Secretary-Treasurer, MANA Headquarters, 4228 19 St., N.E., Washington, D. C.

California State Numismatic Association. Seventeenth semiannual convention. Nov. 10-13, 1955. U. S. Grant Hotel, San Diego, Calif.

Penn-Ohio Coin Clubs. Fall convention, Nov. 12, 13, 1955. Mansfield-Leland Hotel, Mansfield, Ohio. Robert Campbell, General Chairman. 565 Garfield Place, Mansfield, Ohio.

Iowa Numismatic Association. Annual convention. Nov. 19-20, 1955. Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa. Mrs. Elmer P. Laurent, Secretary, 212 28th Ave. N., Clinton, Iowa.

Florida Numismatic Association. Charter meeting. Fort Harrison Hotel, Clearwater, Fla. Nov. 28-Dec. 3, 1955. H. A. Brand, 46 NW 95th St., Miami Shores, Fla.

National Coin Week. April 16-22, 1956.

Central States Numismatic Society. Fourteenth annual convention. Hotel Claypool, Indianapolis, Ind. April 27, 28 and 29, 1956. Ray R. Fiscus, General Chairman, 1833 Nowland Ave., Indianapolis 1, Ind. Earl C. Brown, Secretary, 7005 S. Normal Blvd., Chicago 21, Ill.

American Numismatic Association. 65th annual convention. Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Aug. 22-25, 1956. The 1957 convention will be held in Philadelphia, Pa. Time and place to be announced later.

Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association. Fourth annual convention. Oct. 26-28, 1956. Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, Virginia. Eldridge G. Jones, Secretary, 4228 19th St. N.E., Washington 18, D.C.

TENTATIVE LISTING OF RUBBER STORE CARDS: SUPPLEMENT TWO

By Melvin and George Fuld

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MAX M. SCHWARTZ has called our attention to the fact that the transportation pieces listed by Atwood are the 1948 classification. The 1952 edition has changed letters in some instances, but this can be easily rectified by the user of the list. We likewise wish to thank James Curto for a list of rubber cards not in our original listing.

To be added to the colors: P — Pink

To be added to the references:

Baker — *Medallic Portraits of Washington* by W. S. Baker, Philadelphia, 1885.

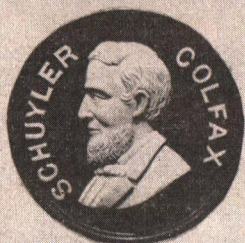
King — "Lincoln in Numismatics" by R. P. King. *The Numismatist*, Feb., 1924.

It has also been called to our attention that there are numerous game counters, (poker chips, etc.) in rubber with all sorts of designs and figures on them. They are too numerous to list.

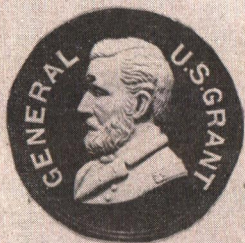
- 77D CASWELL, HAZARD & CO. Rx CASHIERS CHECK / 5 / SODA. Rb-rec.32x20.
- 85A ARTHUR CHAMBERS' / 922 RIDGE AV. / AND / 917 & 919 WOOD ST./ PHILD'A. / "CHAMPION'S REST" Rx. SPARRING / GOOD / FOR / A / DRINK / OR / SEGAR / ACADEMY. Rr-22.
- 104A SCHUYLER COLFAX around edge. In field, a high relief bust of Colfax in civilian dress, to left Rx LOYALTY SHALL / GOVERN / WHAT / LOYALTY / HAS / PRESERVED /. R w on R - 20.
E. W. FORD, AGT. See 291A.
- 150A Similar, but wording is AGENT instead of AGENTS. There is an & between WHOLESALE and RETAIL. Rb-20.
- 170A GERMAN ST. HALL DINING HOUSE. / 120 / in field, Rx blank. Rb-18.
- 176C C. GRANGER / ornament / LITTLE FALLS / N.Y. / Rx 9 pointed star / 10 / 9 pointed star/. Rb-20.
- 176D GENERAL U.S. GRANT around the edge. In field a high relief bust of Grant in military dress, to left Rx. THE / ♦ / WILL OF THE / PEOPLE IS / THE LAW OF / ♦ / THE LAND /. R w on R-20.
- 176E GRANT & COLFAX 1868 — Rx portraits of Grant and Colfax in field of 13 stars, holed for ribbon. Rb-20.
- 207A HOOVER BROS. / DENNISON / OHIO / Rx — GOOD FOR / 5 CTS. / • / AT / LUNCHROOM. Rr-12.
- 232A K.P. & CO. / 5 / SODA CHECK / Rx series of diamonds. R h on r- rec. 32½ x 23.
- 240A ABRAHAM LINCOLN * BORN FEB. 12, 1809. In field clothed, beardless bust of Lincoln facing left, cut in very high relief. Rx An open wreath with a four or five pointed star enclosing a section of rail fence, and a rail in which there is an embedded axe. Inscription in three lines above the fence PROTECTION TO (HONEST) INDUSTRY. Rg-18. King 44.
- 240B Obverse same as 240A. Rx An open wreath is tied at the base, and at the top there is a five pointed star, enclosing this circular inscription, *FREE

The father and son team of **Melvin and George Fuld** is familiar to readers of the Token Collector's Page of *The Numismatist*. Melvin Fuld is a Baltimore businessman; George Fuld was recently appointed to the teaching staff of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

PLATE IX



104 A



176 D



240 A



240 B



240 D

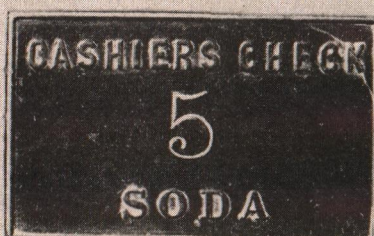


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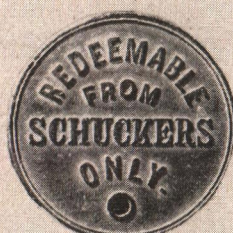
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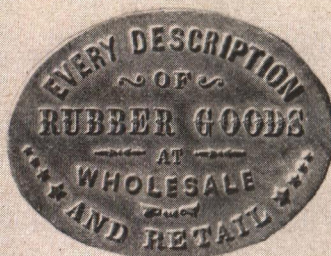
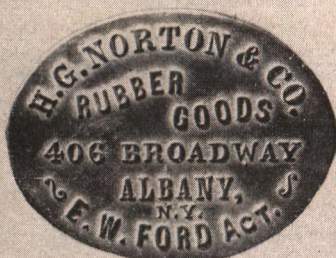
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456 A



291A

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- HOME FOR FREE MEN * — all in three lines NO MORE / SLAVE / TERRITORY. Rg-18. King 45.
- 240C Obverse same as 240A. Rx. PROTECTION TO ALL AT HOME AND ABROAD. Wreath, eight stars, with a star at each end of wreath. Rg-18. King 46.
- 240D AB. LINCOLN THE PRESERVER OF HIS COUNTRY. Below the bust a five pointed star. In field, a togated, bearded bust of Lincoln facing right. MARR below bust Rx GEORGE WASHINGTON, THE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY. Below bust a five pointed star. In the field, a togated bust of Washington facing right. MARR below bust. R-20. King 837.
- MASON & HAMLIN'S See 404.
- 291A H. G. NORTON & CO. / RUBBER GOODS / 406 BROADWAY / ALBANY, / N.Y. / E. W. FORD AGT. / Rx EVERY DESCRIPTION / OF / RUBBER GOODS / AT / WHOLESALE / AND RETAIL /. Rr. o1-28 x 22.
- 321A PETTY'S — ob. THE BEST / SODA WATER, / DRUGS, / AND PERFUMES, / AT PETTY'S /. Rx 45. R h on 1-19.
- 368A G. B. SALFELD / * 5 * / CENTS Rx blank. Rb-22.
- 415A Dr. JAMES RIDLEY TAYLOR / 234 EAST 12TH STREET, / NEW YORK. / Rx coat of arms. Rb-rec.
- 417 Change to W.B.S. TAYLOR'S / PATENT / GAS TIGHT TUBING / WARRENTED / THE ONLY KIND THAT NEVER LEAKS OR SMELLS OF GAS / RUBBER CLOTHING CO. / 363 BROADWAY / NEW YORK. / Rx Calendar of 1873. Rb-rec-32 x 20.
- 419A "THE FAIR" / 5 / SODA WATER / Rx Same. Rr-18.
- 439A VALENTINE & CO. Ob. ESTABLISHED 1885 * VALENTINE & COMPANY. In the field a beehive on a table set in a diamond. Rx VALENTINE'S / PURE / BEESWAX / J. H. FULLER AGENT / 323 PEARL ST. N.Y. /. Rb-20.
- 451A VIRGINIA PHARMACY Rx 5 — Rg/1/-20. See Storer 8187.
- 456A WEDMORE / * * / ELLIS. / Rx REDEEMABLE / FROM / SCHUCKERS / ONLY. / (An unlisted Baltimore token). Holed for hanging on a peg. Rb-20.
- WASHINGTON. See 240D.
- 454D. WASHINGTON. Obverse Undraped bust facing left, in a sinker field, surrounded by a raised border — legend THE PATTERN OF PATRIOTISM, INDUSTRY AND PROGRESS. Rx blank. Rr-20 — Obverse of Baker 340.

Errata:

- 25 Address should read CINCINNATI, O.
- 54 Address should read PEORIA, ILLS.
- 164 Rx. Should be ROOMS instead of ROOM. There is a quotation mark after WITHOUT. There is a period after day (DAY.)
- 197-20 All references to HODGEMAN should read HODGMAN.
- 252 There is an & between WHOLESALE RETAIL.

PENINSULAR MEDAL AND OTHERS. The Peninsular medal, for military services between 1793 and 1814, was issued only by the Queen [Victorial] in 1847, and conferred upon every surviving officer and private present at any battle or siege during these years. It carries no fewer than 28 clasps for as many separate engagements the first of which is Egypt, 1801. Long-service and good conduct medals of silver were instituted in 1830 and 1831, and rules then formed for their distribution among meritorious soldiers, sailors, and marines. On the edge of each of these medals is engraved the name, rank, and regiment or ship of its recipient. The Victoria cross was instituted in 1856. Similar medals for military and naval services are issued by foreign powers [i.e., other than Great Britain]. (James Paton in Chambers's *Encyclopedia*, 1891.)

THE BOUQUET SOU TOKENS OF CANADA

By

Fred Bowman, A.N.A. No. 8473

Lachine, Quebec, Canada

Continued from August issue

690. Eighteen leaves, no bow. Brassy copper on a slightly larger flan than the ordinary tokens of the series.

The bouquet is very severe, the leaves of the shamrocks being almost perfect circles. It was not known to Boucher in 1863 and was probably not



issued for circulation as all known specimens are in proof or nearly proof condition. Possibly 10 specimens are known. They were probably made in the vicinity of Boston as the majority of known specimens first made their appearance in that locality.

About the year 1908 Thomas Elder of New York obtained an obverse die which was very nearly a copy of this token and caused a number to be struck in various metals and with various reverses. Silver, German silver, fibre, brass, copper, aluminum and bronze were used and reverses such as "Dedicated to the coin collectors of Canada," "Speed the plough, it feeds all" and plain are known (see Schulman's price list No. 30, 1947).

Obverse and reverse used only for this coin.

691. Eighteen leaves, no bow. Light and dark copper on thick and thin flans.

Trenaman in 1902 stated there is also a variety with the words BAS CANADA much closer together and with no dash between them but the writer is of the opinion that the wider spacing is due to a striking without a



collar and the absence of the dash is due to a worn die. A prominent Montreal collector's notes show a specimen in nickel but he had not seen it. Batty says the rose at right has the appearance of a child's face and head on well preserved coins. Sometimes comes with obverse or reverse die cracks.

Obverse and reverse used only for this coin.

692. Eighteen leaves with bow. Copper.

Sometimes with a flaw on the reverse. Belleville dies.



Obverse similar to No. 679 and 687.

Reverse similar to No. 693, 694 and 695.

693. Eighteen leaves with bow. Copper and brassy copper.

Sometimes from broken dies. Belleville dies. It is rare when in fine condition.



Obverse similar to No. 688.

Reverse similar to No. 692, 694 and 695.

694. Eighteen leaves with bow. Ordinary copper and pale copper, thick and thin flans.

Struck with and without a collar. Sometimes appears with a highly raised rim. Belleville dies.



Obverse used only for this coin.

Reverse similar to Nos. 692, 693 and 695.

695. Eighteen leaves with bow. Copper.

Sometimes appears with either obverse or reverse die cracks. This coin is the most common of the series. It is from the same reverse die as Nos.

692, 693 and 694 and these coins formed the bulk of the tokens that for a long time made up no small part of the copper circulation of Lower Canada. Belleville dies.



695

Obverse similar to Nos. 680, 683, and 696.

696. Eighteen leaves with bow. Copper.

Sometimes from cracked dies. Belleville dies.



696

Obverse similar to Nos. 680, 683 and 695.

Reverse used only for this coin.

697. Eighteen leaves with bow. Copper and brassy copper, thick and thin flans.

The obverse comes with perfect and cracked dies. Belleville dies.



697

Obverse used only for this coin.

Reverse similar to No. 698.

698. Eighteen leaves with bow. Copper and brassy copper.
Belleville dies.



698

Obverse similar to Nos. 699 and 715.
Reverse similar to No. 697.

699. Eighteen leaves with bow. Copper and brassy copper, thick and thin flans.
Belleville dies.



699

Obverse similar to Nos. 698 and 715.
Reverse similar to Nos. 700, 701, 702 and 703.

700. Eighteen leaves with bow. Copper, both light and dark, thick and thin flans.
Belleville dies.



700

Obverse used only for this coin.
Reverse similar to Nos. 699, 701, 702 and 703.

(To be continued)

Notes & Queries

"The Numismatist" Recognized

Significant *Numismatist* articles touching on phases of American history are now being indexed and included in the annual *Writings on American History*, edited by James R. Masterson. Sponsored by the American Historical Association, it is printed by the U. S. government printing office, Washington 25, D. C.

Articles published in *The Numismatist* are also indexed in H. W. Wilson Company's cumulative *Art Index*.

Both of these publications are widely used by librarians, writers, teachers and students throughout the world.

Membership Medals

M. Vernon Sheldon, chairman of the A.N.A. membership medal committee, advises that some of the medals are still available. The silver medals are \$6.50 each and the bronze, \$4.25. Up to July 31, 184 bronze had been sold, 662 silver, eight 18-K gold, and 26 coin gold.

Oklahoma-Kansas Convention

Plans are completed and everything is ready for the eighth annual convention of the Oklahoma-Kansas Numismatic Association at Oklahoma City. The date is Oct. 15-16.

On Saturday afternoon, October 15, a special affair is being arranged for the ladies. For those who like football, Oklahoma plays Kansas in a Big Seven game at Norman, Okla.

All convention activities will be at the Oklahoma Biltmore hotel, Oklahoma City 2, Okla. Those planning to attend should make reservations early and directly with the hotel, mentioning the O.K.N.A. convention.

Proposes \$2 Gold Coin

Frederic E. Seeton, West Newton, Mass., and member of the Boston Numismatic Society, has proposed the minting of a \$2 gold coin in a series of letters addressed to government leaders. His thought is that such a coin can be struck and sold at \$5 to help finance U. S. teams in the Olympics scheduled for Australia in 1956. Mr. Seeton was a cross-country runner in college a couple of decades ago and believes such a coin would offset some of the financial beating athletes take. He has been in com-

munication with Fred A. Seaton, administrative assistant to Pres. Eisenhower, Sens. Russell, Kefauver, and others. So far no bill embodying the proposal has been introduced in congress.

Florida Meeting

The Florida Numismatic Association will hold its charter meeting at the Fort Harrison hotel, Clearwater, Fla., Nov. 28 to Dec. 3. The hotel has been selected because of its central location, fine appointments, good food, air conditioning, large swimming pool, lawns and patios. Scheduled are an auction, bourse, exhibits, entertainment for the ladies, and formation of a charter. For information, write H. A. Brand, 46 N. W. 95th St., Miami Shores, Fla.

New Currency of Laos

According to the statutes of the National Bank of Laos, the official name for the currency of Laos is the kip, replacing the previous name, piastre. The ministry of finance of Laos announced on May 5, 1955, that the word piastre is no longer to appear on administrative documents of accounting. The kip has the same value as the piastre; its abbreviation is the letter K.

Wooden Nickels

Wooden nickels in two denominations, 1 and 2 wooden nickels have been issued in Bennington, Vt., to commemorate the 178th anniversary of the battle of Bennington. This battle, Aug. 16, 1777, was one of the turning points in the American Revolution. Sets of these wooden nickels may be obtained for 20¢ each plus a stamped self-addressed envelope from Stewart Allen, Box 44, Bennington, Vt. Proceeds will be used for a large wayside park near the Bennington battle monument.

The village of Lake George, N. Y., celebrated its 300th anniversary with the issuance of 5¢, 10¢ and 25¢ wooden nickels. The series may be obtained from the Lake George chamber of commerce for 40¢.

Two Dollar Bills

Dear Editor:

Two dollar bills — For several years I have been gathering material for an article which I am writing on this

subject. I am seeking the cause of unpopularity of the bill, suggestions to increase its usage, amusing stories concerning the bill, etc. Is it generally true that most casino gamblers refuse to accept \$2 bills in a game, and will send the owner of a \$2 bill to the head cashier's window for change, rather than accept it in a game? Why do some superstitious people consider the bill unlucky and tear off a corner of the bill?

Two dollar bills are popular in Canada, and not in America. Market values being similar throughout both countries, why are they not popular in the United States?

Will anyone having any knowledge of the \$2 bill please correspond with me?

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Fall Conventions

The season for fall meetings of regional associations is here. Consult the "Calendar of Future Numismatic Events" in this issue for details on the one nearest you. Some of those scheduled are Ohio State, Sept. 17-18; Colorado-Wyoming, Oct. 1-2; New England, Oct. 8-9; Empire State, Oct. 14-16; Oklahoma-Kansas, Oct. 15-16; Middle Atlantic, Oct. 28-30; California State, Nov. 10-13; Iowa, Nov. 19-20; Florida, Nov. 28-Dec. 3.

On Silver Dollars

Dear Editor:

I have just read Stuart Mosher's "Notes on 1895 Morgan Dollars" (July *Numismatist*). If Stuart writes, many will read.

We had a fine old gentleman in California, I believe his name was Mr. Porter, who searched for an 1895 dollar "not in proof condition" and never did get it, although many years were spent in the chase. The fact remains that Stuart has seen them — and Al Hepner recalls one and I daresay a number of old-timers could remember one here and there. I can report owning one which passed to a new owner just this last March. I'll admit it's the first one I ever saw. Stuart Mosher's advice to be cautious in buying the 1895 Philadelphia mint dollar in any other than proof condition is, of course, wise.

One more matter: regarding mint marked proofs. I'm happy that Stuart didn't imply that these are nonexistent; they most certainly do exist. Lot 237 of the World's Greatest Collection

of U. S. Silver Dollars listed an 1859-O proof — and it was a proof indeed! And lot 244 of the same catalogue listed an 1881-O brilliant proof. Unfortunately, many are tempted to list early proof-like strikings as proofs — and often do.

Finally, the release of silver dollars in December 1954 did include Philadelphia mint coins in the 1880s. I still have some of them.

— A. KOSOFF,
P. O. B. 456
Encino, Calif.

Canadian 1926 5¢ Variety?

Dear Editor:

There is a 1926 Canadian 5¢ piece with the point of the "6" and the maple leaf separated by a full millimeter. On the popular 1926 5¢, the "6" and the maple leaf are almost touching. We call these coins the "wide 6" variety.

How many are there around? Let us figure it out. According to mint records, 938,162 of the entire 1926 issue were struck. We have checked hundreds of them and have discussed the matter with others who have done likewise, and have never found more than 10% or 93,816 to be of the "wide 6" variety. If the 1925 nickel in very fine is valued at \$5 with 201,921 minted, it would seem the 1926 "wide 6" in similar condition should fetch somewhere around \$10.

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Early Coinage in the Americas

Dear Sir:

In the June, 1955 issue of *The Numismatist*, on page 634, writing on National Coin Week, Peter B. Payne in the second paragraph says "The first known coinage in the Americas was the Spanish milled dollars, which began in 1732." Other authorities have said that coins were minted in the Americas as follows: Mexico City in 1536; Lima, Peru in 1568; Potosi, Peru in 1572; Santa Fe de Bogota, Colombia in 1655; Pernambuco, Brazil in 1695; Boston, Mass. in 1652.

In the same paragraph Mr. Payne says "until creation of U. S. mint and its first issue in 1793." Other authorities say the first issue of the U. S. mint was on Oct. 9, 1792 and consisted of the pattern half dimes of that year. He also says "of course we know that Canada began its decimal coinage in 1857;" other authorities say 1858.

In his concluding paragraph Mr. Payne says "and the cowrie shells used by the American Indian as wampum." But Mr. Payne neglects to explain how the American Indian imported these cowrie shells from their native home in the Indian Ocean. Other authorities say wampum beads were made from the shells of clams, conch and other native shells; that the word cowrie is from the Hindustani word kauri, and that the shells are abundant in the Indian Ocean and were used as money in Africa and Asia and adjacent islands.

For reading along these lines I would suggest Gutttag's *Collection of Latin American Coins*; Dye's *Coin Encyclopedia*; Frey's *Dictionary of Numismatic Names*. These books are available in the Library of the A.N.A.

— WILLIAM O. HUTT,
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What Others Publish

New York Historical Society Quarterly, April, 1955, "British Counterfeiting Press in New York Harbor" by Kenneth Scott.

Speculum, Jan., 1955, "Frisian Trade in the Dark Ages" (coins of Frisia).

Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians, May, 1955, "Commemorative Medal and Architecture" by F. J. Roos, Jr.

Canadian Numismatic Association *Bulletin*, June, 1955, offers "Die Cracks in Canadian 1872H Ten Cents, and a New Variety" by J. H. Remick, III; "Dominion of Canada Fractional Currency" by Maj. Sheldon S. Carroll; organizational news; and continues "Introduction to Coin Collecting" by George Carter, "Evolution of Coinage" by M. M. Albert, and "La Banque Canadienne Nationale" by Peter S. Favro. The *Bulletin* for July, 1955 features "The Reasons for the Issuance of the 25¢ Notes of Canada" by J. D. Ferguson; "More Varieties of the Rutherford Tokens" by Maj. Sheldon S. Carroll; "The Jardin Guilbault Token Breton 588" by Fred Bowman; organizational news.

"Chemical Composition of Parthian Coins" by Earle R. Caley is No. 129 of the ANS *Numismatic Notes and Monographs* series.

"Studies in the Numismatic History of Georgia in Transcaucasia" by David M. Lang, 15 plates and map, is No. 130 of the ANS *Numismatic Notes and Monographs* series.

The quarterly *Numismatic Literature*, July, 1955, contains brief reviews of current numismatic publications.

Numismatic Scrapbook, July, 1955, contains "Electrotypes, Copies, Casts, Etcetera" by Richard D. Kenney; "Athena Speaks" by A. Kosoff; continues "Numismatic Menagerie (The Deer)" by Earl C. Brown; "Paper Money of the Mexican Revolution" by Arlie R. Slabaugh, "German Talers, 1700-1800" by John Davenport, and "The Tetradrachms of Roman Egypt" by Col. James Curtis.

Seaby's *Coin and Medal Bulletin*, July, 1955, has "The Metrology of the Coinage of Trebizond" by M. D. H. Larsen; "Baronial Coinages in the Age of Feudal Anarchy 1135-1154" by D. H. Sansum; continues H. G. Stride's "The Royal Mint." The August issue continues D. H. Sansum's baronial coinages discussion. Both issues carry lists of coins, medals and books for sale, as well as organizational news.

Spink's *Numismatic Circular*, July-August, 1955, presents "Copper Coins of Shivaji" by Murmuz Kaus; "Roman Cult Images on Coins of the Emperor Hadrian, Mars Ultor, Virtus, and Mar Victor" by C. C. Vermeule; continues "The Bank of England Oval and Octagonal Countermarked Token Dollars of 1797-1804" by F. Pridmore; organizational news and items for sale.

Art of Collecting Coins by Leonard S. Forrer, London, 1955. 183 pp., 16 plates, 15s.

Art in Coinage by C. H. V. Sutherland, pub. by B. T. Batsford, Ltd., London, 1955. 223 pp., 150 illustrations, 25s.

Roman Imperial Coinage, Vol. IX, Valentinian I—Theodosius I, by the late J. W. E. Pearce, London, 1955. 334 pp., 16 plates, paper covers 3 pounds sterling 10 shillings, cloth 4 pounds.

Coins by Howard W. A. Linecar, Ernest Benn Ltd., London, 1955. 24 plates, 15s.

Yale Classical Studies, Vol. XIV, edited by Harry M. Hubbell, Yale Univ., New Haven, Conn., 1955, contains "Greek Coins in the Yale Collection, IV: A Hoard of Alexander Drachms" by Margaret Thompson and Alfred Bellinger, \$5.

William Balston, *Paper Maker, 1759-1849* by Thomas Balston, Methuen, London, 1954, eight collotype plates and 20 text illustrations, 21s. (Balston was the apprentice and right hand man of the famous James Whatman, operator of the largest British paper factory and collectors of Confederate currency are familiar with the "J. Whatman" watermark.)

American Sculptors Series, Vols. 13-16, on James Earle Fraser, Lee Lawrie, Donald De Lue, and Julian H. Harris, edited by Joseph F. Morris, published by the University of Georgia Press, Athens, Ga., 1955. Paper covers, 8½ x 11 inch format, 50 illustrations in each volume, \$1.50 each, set of four \$5.00.

Coins of the World 20th Century Issues, 1901-1954, 5th edition, Wayte Raymond, Inc., Mineola, N. Y., 1955. Over 300 pages, 2,000 illustrations, \$5.00.

Greek Coins, A History of Metallic Currency and Coinage Down to the Fall of the Hellenistic Kingdoms by Charles Seltman, second edition, revised, Methuen, London, 1955, 311 pp., 64 plates, 50s.

Price Lists

Bullowa's Coin List, August, 1955. Foreign gold and silver, United States gold, silver and copper, paper currency, fractional currency, commemoratives, and medals.

Numisma, March-April, 1955 (New Netherlands Coin Co.) offers early half dollars and fractional currency. In "The Question Forum" the redeemability of Canadian obsolete banknotes is discussed, as are the Nova Scotia "Hopwood" tokens and the ever-present matter of "to clean or not to clean."

International Numismatic Bulletin of James P. Randall lists double eagles, patterns, odd and curious, gold coins of South and Central America, and coins of Russia and the Chinese republic.

Kabealo Prices Realized

Some of the prices realized in S. J. Kabealo's auction of May 22 were:

131. Cent 1864, L XF	\$23.00
143. Cent 1877, F/VF	24.00
166. Cent 1909-S, VDB Br. unc.	27.00
205. 2¢ 1872, Br. pf.	28.00
211. Nickel 3¢ 1878, Br. pf.	21.50
222. Silver 3¢ 1873, sharp pf.	34.00
241. 5¢ 1885, AU	25.00
254. 5¢ 1913-S II, unc.	32.50
280. 5¢ 1937-D 3-legged, XF	7.00
284. 5¢ complete set 1938-1954	
unc.	15.50
341. 10¢ 1916-D, VG near F	14.00
390. 10¢ complete set 1946-1954	
unc.	9.00
449. 25¢ 1923-S, unc.	42.00
596. 25¢ 1896-S, XF	25.00
725. 50¢ Complete set 1948-1954	
unc.	19.00

726. Isabella 25¢, unc.	21.00
727. Lafayette \$1, unc.	38.00
755. Vermont comm. 50¢, unc.	14.25
756. Hawaii comm. 50¢, unc.	95.00
763. Spanish Trail comm. 50¢	
unc.	44.00
779. Elgin 50¢ comm., unc.	10.00
785. Delaware comm. 50¢, unc.	11.00
791. New Rochelle comm. 50¢	
unc.	18.00
906. 1936 proof set	126.00
907. 1937 proof set	55.00
913. 1950 proof set	22.50
942. Akerman <i>Roman Coins</i>	
2 vols., VF	10.50
953. Chase <i>Confederate Treasury Notes</i> , new	4.00

Ohio State Convention

The 1955 convention of the Ohio State Numismatic Society will be held at the Secor Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, September 17 and 18, in conjunction with the 20th anniversary of the Toledo Coin Club. Exhibits, bourse, auction conducted by Michael Kolman, Jr., souvenir program depicting the history of the Toledo Coin Club and other historical data, banquet, and many other features are offered.

General information may be secured from S. L. Szyperski, general chairman, 222 Austin St., Toledo 8, Ohio, or E. Kaufman, co-chairman, 3914 Rever Dr., Toledo. Information regarding exhibits or bourse tables may be obtained from Sherwood Henderson, 3971 Antola Rd., Toledo 14.

Royal Oak's Annual Show

The annual fall coin show and bourse of the Royal Oak Coin Club will be held October 2nd from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Legion Hall, corner of Twelve Mile and Rochester Road in Royal Oak, Mich. Many outstanding collections will be on exhibition, such as the Lashmet, Limpert, Smith and Wilson, plus the displays of the seven Royal Oak winners at the Central States Convention and many more. An auction will be held at 2 p.m. with a large variety of valuable coins. Dealer tables are available at \$7.50 each.

A large amount of outstate promotion is going into this show, plus local newspaper and radio advertising with the help of five other Michigan coin clubs. A large attendance is expected. If you want a table or have coins for the auction, contact Frank M. Howe, 1951 Louise, Detroit 3, Mich., at once.

National banknotes outstanding as of December 1, 1953, totaled \$72,546,379.

Book Reviews

"The American Sculptor Series: the Works of James Earle Fraser, Lee Lawrie, Donald De Lue, and Julian Hoke Harris," edited by Joseph F. Morris, University of Georgia Press, Athens, Ga., 1955. Four volumes, 8½ by 11 inches, paper bound, illus., \$1.50 each, \$5.00 for set of four.

Medal collectors who wish to know more about the men whose names are associated with the design of medals will find these low cost books an attractive introduction to our contemporary American sculptors. Sponsored by the National Sculpture Society and edited by a former managing editor of the *National Sculpture Review*, the series offers a separate volume on each sculptor and presents more than 50 full page illustrations representative of his work. Along with his biographical sketch, are given lists of collections, museums and sites where his work may be seen.

Besides statues, busts, reliefs, plaques, tablets and other examples of the sculptor's art, numismatists will find the medallion art particu-

larly appealing. Included are pictures of James Earle Fraser's medal of the American Institute of Graphic Arts, the Yale University Howland Memorial medal, the medal of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the Melville medal of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Roosevelt Memorial Association medal of honor; Lee Lawrie's famous Moore medal and "The Sower" made for the Society of Medalists; De Lue's medal of Fleet Admiral Ernest King; six bronze shields for the Boston Federal Reserve bank and state seals of Massachusetts and New Hampshire; and Julian Hoke Harris' anniversary medals struck for Rich's in Atlanta and the Mandeville Mills in Carrollton, Ga. — ELSTON G. BRADFIELD

"Coins of the World, Twentieth Century Issues, 1901-1954," 5th edition, edited by Wayte Raymond. Pub. by Wayte Raymond, Inc., Mineola, N. Y., 1955. Illus., \$5.00.

To those who collect 20th century "types" of all countries, Wayte Raymond's *Coins of the World*, which might be called the "Foreign Coin Collector's Bible," is a must. As such, or simply as a catalog, it should be reasonably accurate and complete. Many of us could not get along without such a book and the 5th edition has done much to bring the subject up to date. The illustrations, as usual, are good and much of the text is a great help to the collector. But it is regretted by collectors with whom we have discussed the book that year after year it fails to include needed corrections and additions that are brought to the editor's attention. The errors in the new edition are of many kinds of which the following are a few examples.

In the descriptions of metal, under Fiji, CW-18, 6d for Elizabeth II

is shown as silver, should be copper-nickel; Angola, CW 17, is shown as silver, should be copper-nickel; CW 18-19 are shown as copper-nickel, should be copper; Canada, CW 39, reads "rolled steel" and should say also "chromium-plated." There are other incomplete or inaccurate listings of metals.

Certain illustrations are transposed, as under Nepal. There the picture at No. 41 is actually the 10 paisa, No. 42; the one at No. 42 is actually the 5 paisa, No. 43; and the picture at No. 43 is actually a 25 paisa piece (not 20 paisa), CW 41, and is white metal, not bronze.

Many dates and/or coins shown in the *Coin Collector's Journal*, Nov.-Dec. 1952 supplement to the fourth edition, have been omitted from this edition—a quick check indicates 75 or more. If these 75 or more coins or dates were worth

listing then, why were they not included in the new edition? There are other omissions: a set of Udai-pur; some Chinese coins (perhaps China should be re-done by an expert and the illustrations made to conform to CW numbers). Luxembourg CW-29, at least the two sizes should be mentioned, if not the lowering of the position of the name, etc. Some coins previously shown have been dropped although they do exist. Example: Mexico CW-7, 1 peso gold.

Ireland (Irish Free State) is under "I" in the book (let's leave it there) but as "Eire" in supplement. What are thought to be non-existent coins continue to be shown: Hong Kong, 1941, 1c; Curacao, CW-9; Luxembourg, CW-28; Mexico, CW-47 and CW-49; Iraq, CW-17, and others.

Some descriptions are faulty. Germany (Republic), CW-71, reads "no inscription." Is not "DEUTSCHES REICH—1925" an inscription? Japan, CW-32, reads "eagle" and should be "golden kite"; CW-33 and CW-36 read "gull" but should be "crow of Yata"; CW-38 and CW-43 read "black kite" but should be "golden kite"; CW-48, no description, should be "diet building and dove of peace"; Spain, CW-23, should say

"dated 1949, year dates are incused in two stars on reverse."

The changing of numbers works a hardship on those keeping records and filing their coins by CW numbers. Each new edition brings changes in these numbers. This time the numbers for 10 coins of Germany were changed; five of Mexico; 17 of Morocco; etc. France, CW-40 and CW-43, are duplicate numbers.

There are some inconsistencies such as not breaking down coins of various metals (Slovakia and Costa Rica) and then breaking them down when there is no apparent difference—French Oceania, CW-3 to CW-6, inclusive, aluminum-magnesium. (The annual report of the director of the mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1954, page 131, shows aluminum only for French Oceania.)

Despite its shortcomings, this is still the best reference book and check list for the general collector of 20th century coins. It can be even more valuable if suggestions, information, specimens and corrections furnished by reliable collectors and dealers are given due consideration and, where justified, included in future editions. — EARL C. BROWN.

"Art in Coinage: The Aesthetics of Money from Greece to the Present Day," by C. H. V. Sutherland, published by B. T. Batsford, Ltd., London, 1955, 223 pp., 150 illustrations, medium 8vo, 25s.

If your numismatic interest in a pursuit of over-priced current coins or of date-and-mintmark series is flagging, perhaps you should slow down and resurvey the field. Perhaps you are overlooking an approach to coin collecting that has not occurred to you before. Perhaps there is a book that might set you on an entirely new and fascinating road. Perhaps this is the book.

Many talk glibly about the "art of coins" and make dutiful obeisance to "art in coinage," but because of lack of guidance make no progress in the aesthetic field. Dr. Sutherland, deputy keeper of coins at the Ashmolean museum and former president of the Royal Numismatic Society, offers here a suitable introduction and guide to the sub-

ject. Considering coins as miniature works of art, he opens up broad possibilities to the numismatist seeking freshness.

The arrangement of the book is chronological, touching on ancient Greece and Rome, on Italy, France, Germany and the Low Countries, the British Isles and the Americas. Information on the history, artists and techniques are given. Selected chapter headings, such as "The Greek Artist's Vision," "The Development of Roman Portraiture," "Medieval and Byzantine Formalism," and "The Return of Naturalism" indicate the scope of the work. The ill effect of machinery on coin and medal design is dealt with in incisive fashion. Illustrations are excellent, with many coins enlarged

several times to bring out their full beauty.

To all numismatists, medallists, designers, engravers, and, particularly, government officials charged

with the responsibilities of fixing the appearance and character of a nation's coinage, this is recommended reading. — ELSTON G. BRADFELD

NOTES FROM YOUR LIBRARIAN

Mrs. D. Dee DeNise, 139 East 116th Street, Seattle 55, Wash.

Big things have happened since you last read this column! We have passed another milestone in the A.N.A., held the annual convention in Omaha, and your Librarian has had her first grandchild. Many of you met Sherry and Jim at Cleveland. There is just one fly in the ointment — namely, that Nancy Denise Woodland makes her home in Media near Philadelphia, instead of in Seattle.

Now that you are settling down for fall and winter study, we have several new books for you. R. H. Burnie has written *SMALL CALIFORNIA AND TERRITORIAL GOLD COINS* (B-111). This has 96 pages, folio size, and includes approximate values of the different types, as well as lists the souvenir pieces which usually "stump" us. The book includes gold of states other than California. I believe the book is one of the most valuable reference works we have had added to the library for many moons, considering the current interest in these pieces. You may expect to stand in line, unless you purchase your own copy.

The Philadelphia Coin Club made us a fine gift last month. They decided that their books were not being used by enough members, so they donated them to the A.N.A. library. Some are duplicates of books we have, but they are important books which are often out and on the reserve list, so an extra copy will be very welcome. One is S-59 (Schulman's *COIN COLLECTOR'S ALMANAC*), another is A-25 (Adams and Woodin on U. S. PATTERN, TRIAL, AND EXPERIMENTAL PIECES), and yet another is R-28 (Rackus's *THE GUTHONES*). There is also a 1951 bound edition of Seaby's *COIN AND MEDAL BULLETIN*. The shipment also included a copy of Lawrence Dwight Smith's *COUNTERFEITING — CRIME AGAINST THE PEOPLE* (S-166). This was published in 1944, has 254 pages, is illustrated with nine plates plus drawings, and has a very detailed index making it easy to find just what

you are looking for. Another interesting book in the shipment was a *CATALOGUE OF COINS AND TOKENS IN THE MUSEUM OF THE ROYAL MINT* by William John Hocking published in London in 1906, 460 pages with a 30-page index (H-82).

The American Numismatic Society of New York has published two new books. The first is *CHEMICAL COMPOSITIONS OF PARTHIAN COINS* by Earle R. Caley. This is No. 129 of the Numismatic Notes and Monograph Series, 104 pages with graphs and composition tables, shows the sources and identification of the coins, the analysts and method of analysis, specific gravity measurements, and methods of obtaining an estimate of the fineness of ancient silver coins by means of these measurements (C-100).

A.N.S. Monograph No. 130 is *STUDIES IN THE NUMISMATIC HISTORY OF GEORGIA IN TRANS-Caucasia* by David M. Lang (L-46). This has 138 pages, 15 plates, and covers the periods from the classical through Sasanian, mongol, ottoman and Russo-Georgian series. There are many intervening periods which I have not listed.

Please send for the books you will need to fix up your exhibits for the fall regional conventions, during the month of September, right away if possible. I am finally caught up on all the back orders except for books which are wanted but are still out on loan. I will get your orders out right away because I am leaving with my husband on our vacation from the first to the 15th of October. We will be taking Pogo with us, so there will be no one here in charge of the library. Do you remember that I told you Pogo was a cocker spaniel? Well, he was supposed to be, but all indications now point to a mixture of terrier, collie, spaniel and golden retriever. There may be something else there, but we think this is plenty to mention!

In 1952 the U. S. mint shipped out 3,766 tons of one cent pieces for circulation.

THE TOKEN COLLECTOR'S PAGE

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This page is devoted to American store cards, war tokens, and similar metallic pieces. Its purpose is to illustrate and describe the many interesting pieces that are so little known to most present-day collectors. In some instances the pieces are illustrated for the first time and a special effort is made to include the early issues that have never been listed elsewhere. Collectors who are able to supply additional information on any of the cards published are cordially invited to do so.

New York, N. Y.

Obverse: MESCHUTT METROPOLITAN COFFEE ROOM 433 BDWAY in four lines counterstamped on an 1828 large cent.

Struck about 1855, Adams 559A.

In the New York Numismatic Club listing, under No. 196 this counterstamp is listed on a Spanish Peseta, 1777, with the statement "(we are in-



clined to think this counterstamp decidedly rare, as only two specimens have been met with, one of which is over an Irish Half Penny of 1805)." Adams lists both of these counterstamps, No. 558 being the Spanish 2 reales and No. 559 being the half-penny.

N.Y.-148.136.3-SC-16-cu-18-p No. 1. bd. No. 1-r8

New York, N. Y.

Obverse: ADMIT TO WOOD'S MINISTRELS 144 B'DWAY NY in six lines counterstamped on a Spanish two reale piece of 1788.

Silver, Size 16½, plain edge no. 1, border no. 1, struck about 1855

Not listed by Adams or Wright. Assigned Adams NY 964A by authors.

Adams lists two Wood's tokens of Woods no. 964 silver of 1857 and no.



965 Copper very rare. These two pieces are no doubt identical to no. 344 of N.Y. Numismatic Club - N.Y.

Store Cards describes the silver piece as "Obverse 'Admit to Wood's Minstrels 561 & 563 B'dway, N.Y.' View of a building. Above 'Temple of Minstrelsy.' Below 'Erected 1857' Rev. '*Warranted pure silver*' Intrinsic value 25 cts. Wood's | Minstrels | perform every | Evening | giving a select | and | varied | Entertainment size 16, Silver.'" Apparently in 1913 when this book was published Adams had not seen the copper piece which is no doubt why he lists it as rare. It is believed by the authors that the piece illustrated was used by Woods before his permanent address at 557 Broadway.

NY-148.206.2-SC-16-ag-16½-p No. 1. bd No. 1-r. 5

A 500-year-old numismatic document serves as a platform from which the author surveys the heartbreak and the glory of 15th century Hungary and her coinage.

RAMBLES AROUND A PIECE OF PAPER OF 1447

By

Dr. Imre Molnar, LM 166

Surely, sir,
There's in him stuff that puts him to these ends;
For, being not propp'd by ancestry, whose grace
Chalks successors their way; nor call'd upon
For high feats done to the crown; neither allied
To eminent assistants; but, spider-like,
Out of his self-drawing web, he gives us note
The force of his own merit makes his way;
A gift that heaven gives for him, which buys
A place next to the king.

NOW THAT I am going to talk about a piece of paper written in 1447, let us first make a quick visit to the great maritime city on the beautiful Italian coast, Genoa. About that time, though most people say it was in 1446 (but why argue when nobody knows for sure?), a boy, Christoforo, was born to Suzanna Fontanarossa and Domenico Colombo. The boy eventually became a man, died 60 years later in Valladolid, Spain; and what he did in the meantime, particularly in the last 14 years of his life, we all know so well.

In the same year, in 1446, in far-away Hungary, after two years of quarrel and chaos, an assemblage of aristocrats, great landowners and noblemen finally agreed, not without some unmistakable coaxing by popular opinion, to select an unassuming man of very humble origin

by the name of Janos (Hungarian for John) Hunyadi as the supreme ruler of Hungary – they named him governor. Now, the appointment and coaxing were not entirely due to recognition of an outstanding personality irrespective of his background, but rather, to put it bluntly, everybody, high and low, was scared stiff of one of those impending invasions by which, all through the history of mankind, barbarians from the east periodically devastated Europe in general, and Hungary in particular; and Hunyadi had already demonstrated repeatedly that he knew how to repulse the Turks.

Before you start protesting that the association between Colombo and Hunyadi is a little too far-fetched, and the only similarity you can see is that both had a lowly and obscure pedigree and both ended as governors of great dominions, let me explain to you that it goes much further than that. I am sure that Hunyadi never heard about Colombo, but I am also sure that Colombo heard about Hunyadi, if perhaps only by association. From the beginning of the century, the Ottoman Turks were taking over one Levantine state after another and had already made several at-

Dr. Imre Molnar, whose home is Chicago, has written for journals in his professional field as well as for numismatic publications. He has a strong feeling for history and the part coins play in it.

tempts to overrun the Balkans, using it as a base to conquer all Europe. To assist this plan they were also raising a powerful fleet, and were on the way to challenge Venice for supremacy of the sea.

Their plan for the conquest of Europe was frustrated by the crushing defeats they were suffering under Hunyadi. While the Turks were licking their wounds, they were also protecting their rear and consolidating their hold on the Levant. After the East Roman empire and Constantinople fell in 1453 and Hunyadi died in 1456, the Balkan peninsula was gradually penetrated by the Turks. Even though Europe might hold out, the eastern route could be blocked by the "iron curtain," and, as an unsophisticated, intelligent man with common sense and lots of vision figured, it would be a good idea for the western nations to look for another way to reach India, China and the far east.

The Venetians were already trying to make a deal with the Turks for the exclusive right of trade behind the "iron curtain"; and a man grown up in Genoa could well understand that the English or Portuguese or Spanish would not like to depend upon the mercy of Venetian businessmen. Colombo, the adventurer, tried to peddle this idea for several years among the above prospects, and when the European "maginot line" was crumbling immediately after the death of the last of the Hunyadis in power, in 1490, Isabella of Spain thought it a sound investment to risk some money in diversification.

The big push finally came in 1526 when Hungary collapsed completely after the battle of Mohacs, but by that time the Spanish were celebrating the Mass in such cities of the New World as Habana, Santo Domingo, Mexico and many others, while by 1521 Magellan had reached the Philippines the hard way, around South America. The Turks battered the west for another century and a half, but the setback they suffered under Hunyadi gave the west a breathing spell of 70 years, enabling it to muster its resources, material as well as cultural.

By the 16th century times changed; Europe was stronger, wealthier, better organized, and began to reap the fruits of 15th century humanism. The main line of defense now fell upon the house of Austria, which was in a family partnership with Spain, who unloaded ship after ship carrying Mexican and Peruvian silver as their cargo; so this matter was well in hand, too.

The Turks were pushed back slowly and painfully; it was just like the recent war with Japan: it took them a little over half a century to conquer, but it was not until 1918 that the Ottoman empire, after a decay of several centuries, expired, with less than 10,000 square miles of territory remaining in Europe. In the few years since, they have made a remarkable political and cultural recovery, and, strange to say, Turkey is now considered the strongest outpost of the western world against the east.

In 1446 Hunyadi was elected governor or, more appropriately described, as regent of Hungary during the minority of the absentee king Ladislaus V, which office he held until 1452. The coinage during this period can be summed up in the following:

Gold ducats. Obverse: .S.LADISLAVS.REX., crowned full length figure of St. Ladislaus facing, with battle ax in his right, orb in his left, between N - shield. (Probably Nagybanya mint.) Reverse: +IOHANNES.D.HW.R.VNGARIE.GV., quartered shield, with four horizontal bars in each of the first and fourth, apostolic cross in the second, the Hunyadi family arms (raven facing left) in the third quarter. Size: 20-21 mm. Varieties: GVB instead GV; with or without circle on obverse; D.H.W. instead of D.HW.; different shaped shields on obverse; details in the drawing. Five varieties are known to me.

Silver denars. (1) Obverse: TEMPORE.10.GVBER., apostolic cross between B - N. Reverse: +M.REGNI.VNGARIE., shield with four horizontal bars. Size 13-14 mm. (Probably Buda mints.) Varieties: TEMPORE IOHANNIS; N and +

instead of B and N. (Probably Nagyanya mint.) Six varieties are known to me.

(2) Obverse: MONETA IOH . . . , raven facing left between I-E. Reverse: . . . HVNGARIE, shield with four horizontal bars left, apostolic cross right. Size: 13-14 mm. (Probably Pozsony mint.)

(3) Obverse: *MONETA.REGNI.VNGARIE., apostolic cross between B-I. Reverse: +TEMPORE.GVBERNATORIS, Bohemian lion rampant to left, with bifurcated tail. Size: 16-17 mm. Heavily alloyed with copper. (Buda mint?) Variety: +TEMPORE.IO.GVBERNATOR, lion is crowned.

The last mentioned coin became the subject of some speculation. In conformance with other catalogers I have described the device on the reverse as a Bohemian lion, but it is questionable that this is correct. Although the boy-king Ladislaus V. was the legitimate king of both kingdoms, Hungary and Bohemia, they were entirely separated; and while the king was under the guardianship of Emperor Frederick III, Hungary was governed by Hunyadi and Bohemia by the distinguished Hussite George Podebrad. So it would be highly anomalous to show on the coin of Hungary under Janos Hunyadi: MONETA REGNI VNGARIE, TEMPORE IO (hannes) GUBERNATOR, both the Hungarian and Bohemian devices. The proponents of the Bohemian lion assume either that the community of both kingdoms under the same ruler was intended to be displayed, or that Hunyadi wished to assert King Ladislaus's claim to Bohemia at a time when there was some attempt to snatch it away from him.

The proposed alternative theory was that the lion does not represent Bohemia at all, but, instead, the device of the county of Bistrica in Transylvania. In 1452 Hunyadi resigned from the regency and turned over the government of Hungary to King Ladislaus, who as a reward for faithful services bestowed on him the title of Count of Bistrica. There were, however, objections to this theory, too. First, the crowned lion rampant with bifurcated tail is

clearly the device of Bohemia, dissimilar to any lions of Bistrica extant. Second, at the time he became Count of Bistrica, Hunyadi was not "TEMPORE IO GUBERNATOR" any more. Third, it was claimed that these coins were minted prior to 1452. Fourth, nowhere does it appear that Hunyadi retained the right of coinage after 1452. In support of the theory Thuroczi's Hungarian Chronicle can be quoted, which states that at the time of Hunyadi's resignation in 1452 the king bestowed upon him the perpetual titles of Count of Bistrica as well as temporary governor; and also added to his coat of arms the lion holding a crown.

This would settle the matter, only that there is still some catch to it. The patent unmistakably specifies that the lion holds the crown in his claws. But die cutters made mistakes in those days, just as they do it now, and since they were familiar with the Bohemian lion they might have had a single track mind.

More serious is that nowhere is there any mention made that the right of coinage was granted to Hunyadi. Could it be that these coins were made shortly before or at the time of his abdication, anticipating his title to Bistrica; or could it be that they were minted about 1456 at the time of the attack on Belgrade by the Turks, when the ruling clique of Hungary double-crossed Hunyadi, who was forced to finance his most spectacularly victorious campaign from his private resources? There is some support for this, in that after Hunyadi's death his son was charged with responsibility for his father's alleged debts made in the name of the crown during the Turkish war. But this is my own theory and the mint letters B-I would still have to be explained, so it seems that anybody is welcome to choose his own answer.

Another point of interest is the inscription on the gold coins: IOHANNES D HW R VNGARIE GV. One interpretation is: Johannes de Hunyad Wladislaw Regis Vngariae Gubernator. This, of course, is all wrong: Wladislaus I had been dead

for two years when Hunyadi was elected governor. The King was Ladislaus V, posthumous son of Albert, predecessor of Wladislaus. Another interpretation: Johannes de Hunyad Wajvoda, Regni Hungariae Gubernator, is likewise wrong. In no known document was Hunyadi referred to as Wajvoda. Schoenvisner in his *Notitia Hungariae Rei Nymariae* interprets it as: Johannes de Hwniad, supposedly the contemporary spelling for Hunyad, and supported by quotations from old time chronicles. This interpretation is essentially correct, except that he stretched the point needlessly: the contemporary spelling was not Hwniad, but Hwnyad, as apparent from the edict of 1447. This will be next on our agenda and should settle this point conclusively, unless you care to make an issue of the fact that on some coins the inscription reads: D.H.W. Such errors by die cutters were quite common even several centuries later.

To the best of my knowledge there is only a single document of numismatic significance extant from this period. Unfortunately it might be interpreted as an attempt towards a drastic debasement of the Hungarian silver currency. Nevertheless, I have very strong and understandable interest and partiality for this document, which, incidentally, also gave me the excuse for writing this essay, in that the original is in my collection. Or rather, to be on the conservative side, one of the originals, since in those days, seven years before the earliest known typography by Johannes Gutenberg, usually several manuscript copies were distributed of such document. My copy came from the archives of one of the Counts of Hunyadi, which was disbanded at the beginning of this century. As far as I know, these counts were no descendants of John Hunyadi. He had two sons, Ladislaus, the elder, executed just prior to the prearranged wedding date and Matthias, the younger, whose only child was an illegitimate son, Johannes Corvinus. The latter's only son, Prince Christopher, died in 1505, while still a child. Most likely the Counts of

Hunyadi derived their name, just like Janos Hunyadi, from the county of Hunyad in Transylvania, where their family estates were probably located.

In this document, the obverse of which is reproduced herewith, Gov. Joannes de Hunyad orders a uniform coinage system for the kingdom of Hungary, consisting of denarii at the rate of 200 to the gold florin, and obuli at the rate of 400 to the gold florin. The decree, of course, is worded in Latin, dated, presumably, in 1447, written with a brownish-black ink, size 11 11/16 by 8 9/16 inches. Paper and script are in very fine states of preservation, fragments of the seal amounting to about 25% of the original likewise being preserved. In the lower right hand corner of the reverse a condensed synopsis of the decree in 2½ lines is given, in a different but likewise ancient handwriting. Above and at right angles to this "Joannes Huniad" is written, and in the center section of the reverse a Latin abstract of the content is in 11 lines; the last two notations in two different but comparatively recent handwritings, perhaps from the 18th and 19th centuries.

The text of the ordinance is represented in the following translation:

Joannes de Hunyad, governor of the kingdom of Hungary, singly and to all prelates, barons, nobles, captains, officials, also magistrates of all municipalities, towns and free cities under the jurisdiction of the exchequer of Pozsony, brother lords and honored friends, greetings and all good wishes. We trust that you are not as yet forgetful that, just as in preceding days, by the unanimous wish of all lord prelates and barons of this kingdom it was concluded and resolved in the city of Buda, that throughout this kingdom of Hungary one coinage is to be established, whereof the major denarii should circulate at two hundred, and the minors known as obuli at four hundred to the florin, and that no other money besides this should be passed in the aforementioned kingdom: to be minted in the exchequer of Pozsony just as in the other regal exchequers. Therefore we request and exhort your prompt obedience, brotherliness and friendship, and also com-

mit you, that inasmuch as the exchequer of Pozsony is ordered to coin the prescribed new money, no other old one to be permitted to circulate in public or in your honor's dominions or possessions, and permitted to be indebted, and on the contrary to support our chamberlains therein with force and assistance when requested from you, to maintain officers, to order this posted and proclaimed in public places. And not to act differently. Perused in our presence, released for presentation. Dated in Karaan on the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist in the one thousand four hundred seventh year of the Lord.

Disregarding all the flourishes and niceties of the legal phraseology, there are several interesting points to be noted.

First, as already mentioned, Hunyadi's name was spelled HWNYAD, which clarifies the abbreviations on Hunyadi's coins.

Second, the same edict is quoted on pages 228-229 of the 1810 appendix to the *Catalog of Coins in the Hungarian National Institute*, but with 1457 being given as its date. That this is not a printing error, but intentional, can be seen from the facts that the same date is quoted in different places and that its text is inserted in the corresponding chronological sequence. This is very strange, indeed, since Hunyadi had been dead for a whole year by 1457, had given up the office of governor five years before, in 1452, and was in no position after that to proclaim ordinances for the kingdom of Hungary on matters of coinage or any such important royal prerogatives. Unfortunately, the context of our document is ambiguous in this respect, concluding with "anno Domini millesimo quadragentesimo septimo," that is 1477, or 1407 if we really wish to stick to the letter. The only sensible interpretation for the date is 1447, Hunyadi assuming the regency in 1446, the same date given in the abstract on the reverse of our document.

Third, the subject matter of the order itself. When in 1309 Charles Robert d'Anjou was imported from Naples to Hungary as king, he also brought with him the pattern of the Florentine gold florino, and

very soon the Hungarian coinage was based on the gold florin. In 1342 by a patent of Charles Robert the value of the denarius was fixed at 90 to the gold florin. By article four of the law of 1351 a florin was worth 84 denarii, but some authorities claim that it referred to a reduced size of the florin. By an edict of 1384 a florin was equal to 100 denarii, and apparently it remained at this level until about the period we are now discussing. A subsidiary "denar" was established by Queen Mary (between 1382 and 1392) sometimes referred to as "quartling," or the "obulus" in our patent, having a composition of one part silver to seven parts copper, and valued at 400 to the gold florin. The rate of exchange for these two coins was confirmed in several documents, even as late as the edict of 1432. Furthermore, from this document it appears that another coin called "quartling" (sometimes also "ducat") was in general circulation, probably of almost pure copper and valued at 1000 to the florin, but that this was officially frowned upon.

This would now leave on Hunyadi the stigma of having devalued the denar from its previous exchange at 100 to the florin to a new rate of 200. Since the composition of the then current denar was about 50-50, the new coin was apparently debased to one part of silver to three of copper, and our decree ordered in no uncertain terms the exclusive circulation of the new coins and withdrawal of the old ones. The value of the obulus remained unchanged.

On the other hand, the following sentence from the decree: "... we trust that you are not as yet forgetful that, just as in preceding days, ... one coinage is to be established, whereof the major denarii should circulate at two hundred ... to the florin ..." seem to imply that such a law existed before, perhaps prior to Hunyadi's administration so that he cannot be held responsible for the debasement. It further suggests that other coins must also have been in current circulation, though there is no indication if they were better or worse,

and thus it cannot be decided whether he intended an improvement or debasement of the coinage.

Fortunately for Hunyadi's reputation, such prior laws did exist indeed. There is article 10 of the 1439 law by King Albert issued at Buda, which orders the striking of oboli valued at one-half denarius, the same ratio as in our 1447 patent. Furthermore, Queen Elizabeth, widow of Albert, issued from Pressburg an order (in German) on Count Pollner in charge of the Kremnitz mint, to coin denarii (she calls them "pfennig") at a rate of 300 to the florin and minor coins at 600 to the florin.

The same lady also wrote a communication (in Latin) in the same year to the magistrates of the city of Owar, in which she instructs them to adopt a new coin minted in Pressburg at a rate of 220 denarii to the florin. What business she had to issue decrees and how effective they were, is open to question. She acted on behalf of her infant son Ladislaus V, already crowned king of Hungary but unable to take possession of the throne until 1452, since at the very same time the king of Hungary *de facto* and *de jure* was Wladislaus of Poland (he was likewise crowned), and in this case possession was more than nine parts of the law. However, Elizabeth held, at least temporarily, the important city of Pressburg and surrounding territory and might have controlled the mint at Kremnitz, which was less than 100 miles away. Whether these coins were actually issued and circulated is not known; but, regardless, the fact remains that it was not Hunyadi who initiated the debasement of the coinage. He improved it somewhat, if anything.

II

Being acquainted now with the numismatic account of John Hunyadi it might be interesting to dwell a while upon the history of this remarkable family. Furthermore, our discussions were spattered with so many seemingly incongruous facts and events, that we should clarify them by presenting a broad

outline of the contemporary background.

The origin of the Hunyadi family still remains obscure and much that has been written is based on pure speculation. Some are veritable gossips of the kind the people's fancy likes to spin around their idols. For instance, Hunyadi is supposed to be the natural son of King Sigismund (who was 19 about that time) and a Vlach peasant woman. There are also stories about a raven grabbing King Sigismund's ring from the infant's hand, whence his later coat of arms, but I won't tire you further with fairy tales.

More serious, but likewise without foundation, are the claims of several older historians, that the origin of the family can be traced to Poland by the name of Hrana, which means a raven. This family somehow migrated into the Balkans and became prominent in Bosnia and Hercegovina, subsequent generations moved further east into Rumania, became rulers there and adopted the raven as their family emblem, but I do not know of any document which would link them to the Hunyadis.

Even today that corner of Europe is as confused a meltingpot as exists any place, where nobody knows who is what, and in those days it must have been even worse. Bonfinius, historian of King Matthias Corvinus, states that Hunyadi's father was a Vlach (Romanian today) nobleman by the name of Buthius and his mother was Greek. Present day authorities claim that his father was a magyarized Vlach noble named Voik, his mother a Hungarian by the name of Elizabeth Morzsinsky, and that he was born about 1387. That he came from a noble family could even be an attempt to glamorize his humble origin, since it was in 1409 that the estate of Vajda-Hunyad (whence his family name) was granted to Voik. On the other hand it is feasible that his progenitors already belonged to the nobility, as the patent of king Ladislaus to Hunyadi, to be quoted a little later, suggests.

It was only half a century later

that large masses of Vlach peasants were settled in the areas of south-eastern Hungary depopulated by the inquisition against the heretic Husites. Many of those Romanian families who lived there before, some for many centuries perhaps as far back as the Roman times became assimilated and could acquire positions of prominence. There is, likewise, some ambiguity as to where Hunyadi was born. Some claim it was Hunyad, and others say it was the village of Piatra-de-Corvo, or Hollos, meaning "ravensrock" or something to the effect, from which his family emblem is supposed to have been derived. In the patent issued by King Ladislaus to Hunyadi the use of the raven in his coat of arms was confirmed "as the badge of nobility of his progenitors and of his home (domui?)."

III

We are leaving young Hunyadi for a while to reach maturity, and, instead, turn our attention to an interesting character of that age. Sigismund of Luxembourg, son of Charles IV, emperor of the Holy Roman empire of the German nation, was born in 1368. When only six years old he was betrothed to Maria, daughter of Louis, king of Hungary and most powerful ruler at that time. In 1378 he moved to Hungary and received his education there. Louis died in 1382, succeeded by Maria. Sigismund and Maria were married in 1385, and in 1387 became co-regents. In 1395 Maria died, and Sigismund was on his own. He was also markgrave of Brandenburg (the later Prussia). After the elimination of his step-brother, the drunkard Wenceslaus, and death of Rupert III, another nonentity, he was elected, largely by default, in 1411 as king of the Romans, crowned 1414, and emperor of the Holy Roman empire, crowned 1433. He became king of Bohemia in 1419 nominally, but for reasons we shall see presently had to wait for 17 years to take possession one year before his death.

Now, in this complex world of ours we would like to take things

easy and oversimplify matters if we can. We would like to see our great men perfect, forthright, strong and kind, so that we can love and admire them, and the villains completely wicked and devoid of strength of character, so that we may righteously despise them. Most mortals are neither of these, but an irrational concoction of emotions, character and intelligence. We have learned in our everyday life how to appraise and live with our family, friends and associates, but when we come across personalities in reading the newspaper or in the course of studying history, they worry us since we are unable to find a right pigeonhole for them. So if a dozen of us read the history of Sigismund, we may reach 12 different conclusions, with each of us having some misgiving that perhaps the other fellow could be right.

He was a child of the 15th century just as Hunyadi, Columbus, and all the others we are talking about, and this was one of the most interesting periods of occidental history. Ten centuries had passed since the decay of the magnificent ancient world, and this is a long time. Europe was just beginning to reap the fruits of the renaissance, and rediscovering the power and dignity of the human mind. Being at the same time the product of a thousand years of drudgery and fear, and having now a new vista for the human creative power, is it surprising that they behaved in a manner which appears to us irrational and bewildering, measured by a standard evolved during the centuries since? While it is hardly possible for us to form a realistic estimate of our own time, I have often had the feeling that no other period of history is as closely akin to our own as the 15th century.

It was more the finale of a historical period, the middle ages, than the prelude to a new one. It distilled the final product of that long period, and prepared the foundation for what was to come. It was the century of the humanists, of the invention of the printing press. It had cities with flourishing culture

unequalled since ancient times. It had an abundance of great men, where we have no difficulty to find the proper labels, the Leonardo da Vincis, the Medicis, the Hunyadi. And there were the lesser ones who at least tried to be great, in spite of their heritage and deficiencies. They knew before Shakespeare that "some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon 'em." A bewildering procession of actors parades before us: the Sigismunds, Cilleis, Capistranos, Brankovichs, Mohammeds, popes, and Hussites, and in the plot: heroism and cowardice, chivalry and murder, culture and prejudice, all so inextricably intermingled, that it could make us completely dizzy and consider it to be a poor imitation of Shakespeare's *King Henry VI*, had not so much of it been duplicated before our own eyes or that perhaps we behave so ourselves.

In reading different biographers of Sigismund, one gets different judgments, depending on their temperament and bias. Some think he was fine, some that he was poor, none consider him outstandingly great nor to be a villain. I do not believe that he was great—Hunyadi was. I do not even find his personality attractive, but he was certainly interesting, probably more so than Hunyadi. He was exposed by fate to a critical historic situation, perhaps not without his connivance, and tried to do the best job he knew how. At times he seemed to be bungling and to be remarkably intelligent at other occasions. The most apt judgment I have read of him was that "his successes were remarkable and failures glaring."

It is said he was chivalrous, cultured, versatile, diplomatic, brilliant, but also restless and vain. It was also said that he, rather than Emperor Maximilian, was the "last of the knights." This is plain bunkum. He, no doubt, sincerely longed to be blessed with the knightly strength and purity of character, but was too much entangled with the turbidity of his position, his character, and his time.

At the same time he is generally condemned by posterity for one single deed: that he summoned John Huss, the reformer, to the council of Constance under the promise of safe conduct, and then consented to or allowed his execution at the stake in 1415. Now this is a wicked act according to anybody's standard, particularly since Huss has been judged by posterity as a great man of fine character, and such a wicked deed should not be concealed. But I hope you will not consider me as cynical if I point out that treachery and falsehood was the accepted custom in those days, practiced by the small and great. Have you not read Shakespeare's historical plays and become terrified by the streams of indifferent narratives of deeds and emotions, fine and foul?

"For God's sake let us sit upon the ground,
And tell sad stories of the death of kings:-

How some have been depos'd; some slain in war;
Some haunted by the ghosts they have depos'd;
Some poison'd by their wives; some sleeping kill'd;
All murder'd."

The burning of Huss might have been as detestable as the condemnation of Socrates, but it is less known that thousands of Hussites were likewise burned by the inquisition on Sigismund's order or tolerance. The real root of our indignation is his broken pledge, but to that we became sensitive only during the last few centuries, thanks to the higher ethical standards created by the study of the Bible since the reformation as well as by the works of philosophers like Spinoza or Voltaire. To many people the council of Constance signifies only the burning of Huss and they disregard that the council was a great and constructive historic event, instigated by Sigismund, which ended after 40 years the seemingly endless chaos in the Roman church and the whole civilized world.

The job of an emperor or king in those days was not an enviable one. Louis XIV of France or Philip

II of Spain, or Frederick II of Prussia were rulers in the real sense of the word, and their decisions were law. Francis Joseph of Austria or Nicholas II of Russia were Byzantine idols propped up by a ruthless bureaucracy to camouflage their government. The monarchs of England are inert stabilizers and provide a luxurious surface finish to detract the peoples mind from an excellent but rather drab government by bureaucracy. The modern Scandinavian royalty serve as moral and cultural guides to their highly civilized people. But a medieval German emperor was none of these. His was an elective office, chosen by a small group of powerful lords, either by one faction strong enough to bulldoze the others, or more often, in a stalemate, as a compromise on a nonentity who would not interfere with their private politics. When they were in real trouble and could not help themselves, an outstanding man was elected, but not very often. Once in a while the electors were fooled, and the emperor turned out differently than they bargained for, and I think Sigismund outsmarted them or rather, wore them out.

An emperor had no power and no armed force except such support as he could get from the lord whose interest he was supposed to promote. He was in chronic financial trouble, at times without enough money to maintain a residence and had to rely on hospitality, but what did he need it for when he was expected to make the rounds all the time, somewhat like a circuit judge or a preacher? He was expected to pass laws, bestow grants, and arbitrate quarrels, with the inevitable result of invoking the wrath of those who felt "gypped" in the deal. He was supposed to conduct diplomacy and wars with a motley army supplied by feudal lords, who often left him holding the bag when the going became tough. But, the 15th century also witnessed the remarkable bloom in wealth and culture of the imperial cities, and they were the only reliable support and comfort of the emperor.

No wonder Sigismund felt miserable and embarrassed most of the time by his exalted chore, but at the same time he was vain and enough of a snob to enjoy it. As time went by he grew in stature and made an honest effort to discharge his responsibilities to the best of his abilities.

As already said, Sigismund became markgrave of Brandenburg and king of Hungary as a youth. His troubles with other pretenders began right away and only after 20 years of constant warfare could he assert himself. Just when he was ready to settle down, the great menace from the east rose: the Ottoman Turks were on their way to overrun Europe. Sigismund collected a great army from all over Europe, knights and nobles in shining armor. But times had changed, the Asiatics were a mean crowd, the knights feudal levies simply collapsed, and being fooled by his initial rapid advances he was disastrously defeated in 1396 at Nicopolis. The only thing that saved Europe was another Asiatic invasion: great Tartar hordes under Tamerlane fell on the back of the Turks, and the Ottoman empire collapsed in 1405.

But in the meantime Sigismund had trouble again at home. He had the mistaken idea that a king of Hungary is a ruler; but Hungary, where feudalism was just starting to seep in, was by tradition a kind of democracy for the nobility, where "all (noble) men are created equal" with the great landowners and clerics running the show. Sigismund, who was not a skillful politician as yet, tried to rule as an autocrat with nothing but bluff behind him. The nobles, not impressed by his title or lineage, threw him in prison in 1401. After a while he managed to escape into Germany, and the Magyars elected Ladislaus of Naples in 1403, sponsored by the pope. Evidently his imprisonment was good political education for Sigismund, because he was back very shortly, partly by force, partly because his competitor was even worse, and partly by promise of good behavior.

jour. Gradually a genuine affection developed between the king and his erstwhile jailers.

Hungary must always have had a strange power of assimilation, and those who came under its influence became thoroughly magyarized in time. We have seen that Hunyadi had only part Magyar blood in him if any at all, but grew up to be a true Hungarian and became the supreme and beloved leader and undisputed national hero.

Sigismund of Luxembourg, born of an old west German stock, having among his forefathers German counts, princes and three emperors, completely embraced Hungarian nationality, and was genuinely in love with that country and its people. He was, if not the most powerful, certainly the most prominent ruler of his period: emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, king of the Germans, king of Bohemia, with another host of possessions and titles, but with all that glamor it was only his Hungarian crown he really cherished. He had his friends, cronies and advisors among the Hungarian nobles, which is somewhat surprising since, as we have seen, he had undergone a rather rough treatment; but apparently resentfulness was not part of his character and he always profited from past experience. Strange as it seems, in many of his traits and habits he displayed a typical Hungarian character, more so than many of genuine descent. As time went by he neglected his onerous imperial chores, was absent from Germany for longer and longer periods, and sought emotional comfort among his noble Hungarian friends. His second wife, Maria, was the daughter of one of the most powerful Hungarian aristocrats Cillei, whose house became the sworn enemy of the Hunyadi family, and exhausted itself with the blind single purpose of destroying the Hunyadis. Although Sigismund died in Znaim, in Moravia, he was buried in Nagyvarad, the city where the Transylvanian mountains join the wide Hungarian plain.

Sigismund reigned in Hungary for

half a century; gradually the Hungarians got used to him and returned his affections. They finally recognized that, next to Sigismund, Hungary was closest to his heart; that he had no intention of disturbing Hungarian customs; that he did not intend to restrict the traditional rights of Hungarian nobility, becoming a Hungarian nobleman himself; that he tried to protect them from the transgressions of Rome from the communist Hussite peasants, from the ravaging Turks and from the ambitious Venetians.

But while Sigismund was fascinated by the elegance of his aristocratic chums, he was no man's fool, and knew from his own experience that they would turn their backs on him if it appeared to be in their interest, so he never quite trusted them. He attached to himself men of ability and integrity but of lesser pedigree, like Hunyadi, and gave them positions of responsibility. He also knew from his experience in Germany that the most loyal support and strength of the king was in the free imperial cities and did much to establish and foster such cities in Hungary.

There was one problem he had all through his life: he was in desperate need of money to finance the extensive wars and other projects he was entangled in almost every minute of his reign. So he made the cities prosper with one hand, and then, with the other, squeezed them, as well as the peasants and Jews, dry with taxes. He also tried, to a lesser extent, to improve the conditions of the peasants, but while the cities as a rule remained loyal to him, during the last few years of his reign he was confronted with bloody uprisings of the impoverished serfs, which were brutally crushed and entire regions completely depopulated.

His historical significance is usually seen in two directions. He organized the council at Constance, and with his characteristic tenacity insisted that after four years of haggling some kind of compromise be agreed upon, which ended the many years of anarchy in the Ro-

man church and the Christian world. Whether this saved only the Roman church from a complete collapse, or also the whole civilized world from a decline into another dark ages, or only delayed the reformation for another century, or actually paved the way for the reformation, is anybody's guess. His other contribution is beyond any debate: while thanks to circumstances he was in no great danger of being swept away by the Turks and did not fight them to any great extent, he foresaw the trend of events to come and laid the groundwork which enabled his successors to turn the eastern tide successfully, at least for another century, and thus perhaps save western civilization altogether.

His personal actions were directly responsible for three definite events which influenced history down to our days, and which appear to be skipped over by historians. First, to finance his wars and imperial adventures, he sold his possessions in Brandenburg in 1411 to the burgraves of Hohenzollern, who at that time had only a small scale operation in southern Germany. Brandenburg eventually grew into Prussia, and three centuries later the Hohenzollerns developed Prussia into one of the most efficient bureaucracies and military machines of history.

Second, in order to strengthen his hand against the archenemy of his house, the Habsburgs, he actively supported and enlarged the then feeble Swiss confederation at the expense of the Habsburgs, and from that time on the confederation was fairly securely established and in no great danger of losing its independence until Bonaparte's times. So Sigismund contributed to the de-

velopment and survival down to our own days of one of the finest democracies in the history of the civilized world.

Third, Sigismund married his daughter Elizabeth (by Maria Cillei) to Albert of Austria, thus ending the feud between the houses of Luxembourg and Habsburg. Sigismund had no male heir, so this assured succession to his issue. But more significantly, it made an end to the political feuds and wranglings accompanying the imperial elections. I do not wish to imply that this was necessarily beneficial for Germany or the world. Perhaps at times the old free-for-all and the smoke filled rooms at the Frankfurt conventions would have been preferable. But the fact remains, that Albert of Habsburg followed Sigismund as king of the Romans, and from then on all emperors of the Holy Roman empire came from the house of Habsburgs until the liquidation of the empire in 1804, except for the brief interlude with Charles VII of Bavaria 1742-45. Furthermore, the elections were uncontested by Germans (with the above exception) only once, in 1519, Francis, king of France, tried to run against Charles V, but without success. This act of Sigismund created a precedent that became the political principle of the Habsburgs all through their history: to acquire and secure through marriage and family ties. Within a century, Charles V ruled over one of the greatest empires in the history of mankind, "where the sun never sets." They succeeded in maintaining themselves as one of the principal factors in world politics until their bankruptcy in 1918.

(To be continued)

BENVENUTO CELLINI. The most elaborate and beautiful of the struck medals of the 16th century were the work of Benvenuto Cellini; and it may be remarked that with the introduction of dies for medal-striking the work passed into the hands of gem-engravers and jewellers, whose methods and excellencies lie in quite a different direction from those of the 15th century artist-medalists. (James Paton in Chambers's *Encyclopedia*, 1891.)

"THE CLIQUE IN THE CLUB"

Word has been received by the Board of Governors of your club that it is run by a clique. Upon investigation we find this statement is true. Furthermore, we find the clique is composed of faithful members who are present at every meeting, who accept appointment to committees, who give willingly of their time and who sincerely believe that the more one puts into his club, the more he will get out of it. There is no question that the enthusiasm, responsibility and efforts of these members are of inestimable value to your club. We therefore suggest — that you join this clique.

It is not a difficult matter to do. Begin by attending meetings regularly, take a lively interest in club activities, make helpful suggestions and help by taking part in the program. Before you realize it you will become a member of the clique, and you would be surprised to know how anxious they are to have you.

(Reprinted from the June, 1955, bulletin of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society.)

DOMESTIC COINAGE EXECUTED, BY MINTS, DURING JUNE, 1955

Denomination	Philadelphia	Denver	Total Value	Total Pieces
SILVER				
Half dollars	\$ 12,281.00		\$ 12,281.00	24,562
Quarter dollars	6,140.50		6,140.50	24,562
Dimes	2,456.20	\$ 16,800.00	19,256.20	192,562
Total silver	20,877.70	16,800.00	37,677.70	241,686
MINOR				
Five cent pieces	1,227.05	127,150.00	128,377.05	2,567,541
One cent pieces	48,295.41	69,185.00	117,480.41	11,748,041
Total Minor	49,522.46	196,335.00	245,857.46	14,315,582
Total Domestic Coinage	70,400.16	213,135.00	283,535.16	14,557,268

COINAGE EXECUTED FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

Mint	Country	Alloy	Denomination	No. of Pieces
Philadelphia	Venezuela	Silver	One Bolivar	4,370,000
Philadelphia	Venezuela	Silver	¼ Bolivar	12,600,000
Total				16,970,000

CUMULATIVE MINT REPORT FOR 1955, JANUARY TO JUNE, INCLUSIVE

(Giving the number of pieces struck)

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars	2,640,808		
Quarter dollars	6,138,808		3,182,400
Dimes	11,392,808	18,510,000	4,578,000
Five cents	8,030,741		66,115,000
One cents	64,727,741	44,610,000	178,933,500

People

The Waco *Tribune-Herald* ran an illustrated three columns on Kalvart K. Tidwell and his collection on National Coin Week Sunday.

Coins and other items stolen from George Creed's Wholesale Card Shop in Philadelphia last March 24 were recovered with the arrest of an old-

time safecracker May 7.

Prof. Charles K. Brightbill foresees a four-day, 30-hour week for workers by 1960. Maybe you will have time for that coin collection, after all.

The *All Florida Weekly Magazine*, inserted in 76 of Florida's leading newspapers, carried a story on William Sneed's collection recently.

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Report of the General Secretary

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

Applicants numbered 24307-24460 as published in the July issue have been admitted to membership.

APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following applications were received in July, 1955. If there are no objections filed prior to October 1, 1955, these applicants will become members on that date and notice to this effect will appear in the November, 1955, issue.

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- 24594 **M. C. Sauer**, 2933 Cummings Dr., Oklahoma City 7, Okla. U. S. Coins. A. F. Miller.
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- 24609 **Richard Lee Petoskey**, 3029½ W. Jefferson, Ecorse, Mich. Large Cents and
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- 24611 **L. B. Stowe**, P. O. Box 55, Mt. Holly, N. C. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 24612 **Philip P. Andary**, 409 Martha St., Yorkville, Ohio. General. J. T. Montgomery.
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- 24636 **William J. Gooden**, 403 S. Main, Kingfisher, Oklahoma. U. S. Coins. Ralph W.
Osborne.
- 24637 **Major Benton Fielder**, 4100 "A" St., Lincoln 10, Neb. U. S. Coins. Elmer G.
Nelson, Floyd P. Hazelwood, Martin E. Burgess.
- 24638 **Tom L. Moore**, P. O. Box 727, Jacksonville 1, Florida. A. E. Bebee.
- 24639 **Richard M. Bidwell**, 801 Seventh St., Apt. 20, Los Alamos, N. M. Ancient,
Medieval, Barbaric, Odd and Curious. Albert W. Savage, Jr.
- 24640 **Fowler H. Van Winkle**, 113 N. 20 St., Fort Smith, Ark. U. S. Coins. F. H.
Krock, Charles S. Miller.
- 24641 **Mack David Falknor**, Naval Air Facilities, Annapolis, Maryland. Coins and
Paper Money. A. E. Falknor.
- 24642 **Robert W. Reynolds**, 2516 Brentley Drive, Sacramento, Calif. U. S. and
Foreign Coins. Foreign Proof and Unc. Sets. Wm. H. Smith.
- 24643 **Thomas M. S. Gibson**, 2637 N. Summit Avenue, Milwaukee 11, Wisconsin.
U. S. Coins. L. W. Culver, Burton H. Saxton.
- 24644 **J. Gerard Porier**, 480 Dollard St., Joliette, Que., Canada. General. Maurice
Renard.
- 24645 **Minneapolis Junior Coin Club**, Arnold A. Thorson, Adviser, 4222 Portland
Ave., Minneapolis 7, Minn.
- 24646 **E. A. Stroupe**, 1810 Oxford Ave., SW., Roanoke, Virginia. General. L. S. Key.
- 24647 **Robert T. Hoover, M.D.**, 915 Lantana Drive, Kingsville, Texas. General.
Jackson Mewborn.
- 24648 **Robert D. Fry**, Route 1, c/o N. G. Ray, Hope Mills, N. Car. Commemoratives.
E. H. Barton.
- 24649 **Mrs. Harry C. Mathews**, 921 Bergen Ave., Jersey City 6, N. J. Commemora-
tives. Harry C. Mathews, Associate Member.
- 24650 **Philip E. Geissal**, 423 W. 62nd St., Kansas City 13, Mo. General. Lewis M.
Reagan.
- 24651 **Fred I. Lenzi**, 711 E. Cliff Dr. and Pearl Street, Santa Cruz, Calif. General.
Wm. H. Smith.

- 24652 **Herbert Oechsner**, 363 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair, N. J. U. S. Colonial. Richard Picker, Martin F. Kortjohn.
- 24653 **W. B. Keeney**, 13229 Edwards Road, Norwalk, Calif., Comm. Silver, (Large) Currency, Proof Coins, U. S. A. Karl M. Brainard, Thelma Case, Grace I. Brainard.
- 24654 **T. H. Connor**, 635F S. Congress Ave., Lake Worth, Fla. Commemoratives. Mort Simons.
- 24655 **Thomas M. Ray, Jr.**, 322 Shaker Road, Albany 4, N. Y. General. Jacob Cheris.
- 24656 **William Latimer Breisland**, 143-29 Barclay Ave., Flushing 55, N. Y. Early American. Charles M. Wormser, John J. Ford, Jr.
- 24657 **Ben Oliver Wendell**, 8131½ Blackburn, Los Angeles 48, Calif. American. Louis Freedman.
- 24658 **Richard A. Jankowski**, 3668 S. Pine Ave., Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin. General. Edward E. Eron, Raymond J. Tobiasz.
- 24659 **Ira Shaffer, Jr.**, 956-476 Barbara Ave., Akron 6, Ohio. General. D. A. Bashline.
- 24660 **Milton B. Priour**, 209 Kosar Street, Corpus Christi, Texas, U. S. General, Bruce Patton.
- 24661 **Floyd A. Walker**, 701 West Division Street, Arlington, Texas. Modern foreign and Canadian Large Cents. Mrs. Geo. A. Walker.
- 24662 **Robert Lee Adkins**, 231 North First St., Las Vegas, Nevada. General. R. A. Wilson.
- 24663 **John O. Conlon, Jr.**, 30 Grove Ave., River Edge, N. J. U. S. General. William T. Anton.
- 24664 **J. H. Lyles**, P. O. Box 238, Darlington, S. C. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 24665 **Gilbert Marshall**, 20 Berks St., Stowe, Pa. Lincoln Cents and Commemorative half dollars. A. E. Bebee, Virginia L. Franke.
- 24666 **Sociedad Numismatica Puertorriquena**, c/o P. B. Payne, DPWO-10nd-FPO 116, New York, N. Y. Peter B. Payne.
- 24667 **Fred J. Szeliga, Sr.**, 117 Greenlawn Ave., Clifton, N. J. General, U. S. John Thomas.
- 24668 **Dr. Hugo M. Cardullo**, 441 77th Street, Brooklyn 9, N. Y. Proof and Mint sets. Benard A. G. Weisl.
- 24669 **J. E. Dameron**, 2510 26 St. Dr. S. E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. U. S. and Canadian Coins. Eugene W. Hanser, Burton H. Saxton.
- 24670 **Central Florida Coin Club**, A. J. Hess, Secy., P. O. Box 1313, Orlando, Florida. Grady L. Radford, A. J. Hess, Charles Libman.
- 24671 **Mrs. H. E. Haller**, 415 S. Pacific Ave., Pittsburgh 24, Pa. U. S. Coins. Lee F. Mason.
- 24672 **Mrs. Marian B. Johnston**, 270 Winthrop Rd., Columbus 14, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Paul R. Schafer.
- 24673 **Heward H. Pierce**, 344 Main St., Southbridge, Mass. U. S. Coins. Oscar G. Schilke.
- 24674 **Warren Milton Regester**, 35 Cambridge Road, Montclair, N. J. U. S. Coins. F. M. Bonnett.
- 24675 **Francis Potwin**, 771 E. 21st, Eugene, Oregon. U. S. Coins. A. R. Sorensen.
- 24676 **W. W. Lindamood**, P. O. Box 242, Guelph, Ontario, Canada. U. S., Canadian and English. E. F. Meinhart, J. A. Elliot, Jr.

Deceased

- 10245 **C. F. Childs**, Chicago 4, Illinois.
- 218 **Frank E. Culp**, Alton, Illinois.
- 21310 **Lance Devericks**, San Rafael, Calif.
- 5517 **J. M. Finley**, San Francisco, Calif.
- 13817 **Allan Forbes**, Boston 1, Mass.
- 22478 **L. E. Jones**, Great Falls, Montana.
- 910 **Howard C. Laible**, Los Angeles 8, Calif.
- 19869 **Dr. J. W. Lang**, Meadville, Pa.
- 19863 **Chas. M. Lee**, Oakland 18, Calif.
- 7274 **Mancel Roy**, Muncie, Indiana.
- 5800 **Dave Schoonover**, Elmira, N. Y.
- 7834 **Ellis E. Waterman**, Portland, Maine.

Reinstatement

- 4364 **Joseph B. Harzinski**, 5906 S. W. 33rd Street, Miami, Florida.
- 17836 **Herbert A. Hill**, 110 Hearst Ave., San Francisco 12, Calif.
- 6099 **McClellan Lowry**, 519 W. 74th, Kansas City 5, Mo.
- 18145 **Myrtle B. Skok**, 1407 Market St., Harrisburg, Pa.
- 16241 **J. L. Sonner**, 13449-D Riverside Dr., Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Changes in Organizational Directory

- New Haven Numismatic Society** - Walter P. Johnson, Secy., 148 Hubinger Street, New Haven, Conn.
- Pratt County Coin Club** - Wesley Cromwell, Secy., Box 535, Pratt Kans.
- Reading Coin Club** - Andrew Petzer, Secy., 618 Farmington Avenue, Pottstown, Pa.
- Seattle Coin Club** - Laura Lawrence, Secy., 1601 Third Ave. N., Seattle 9, Wash.
Meets the last Thursday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Hotel Edmond Meany, East 45th and Brooklyn Sts., Seattle, Wash.

Correction

- 24434 **Thomas E. Hudgeons, Sr.**, 6817 Pearl Rd., Cleveland 30, Ohio.

Reports of Club Meetings

ALBERT PIKE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — June 23 meeting; Ward Hotel; 21 present; auction; Pres. Charles Miller presided.

Pres. Miller called upon those who had been present at Arkansas Numismatic Assn. meeting give reports. A. Howard Stebbins, Jr., our host on that occasion, was present, and spoke on the meeting in general, which was held in his spacious guest house overlooking the Arkansas river.

— FADJO CRAVENS, JR.
Secretary

ALBERT PIKE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — 3rd meeting in Ward Hotel, June 23; 20 present; Pres. Charlie Miller presided; auction.

J. T. Montgomery explained the grading of coins according to condition. Floyd Ludwick, Guy Bell, Van Van Winkel, and Fadjo Cravens gave their impressions of the Arkansas Numismatic Association meeting in Little Rock.

— FADJO CRAVENS, JR.
Secretary

ARKANSAS VALLEY COIN CLUB — June 14 meeting; at home of Al Overton, Pueblo, Colo.; 10 present. Mr. Overton had a very interesting exhibit of medals which he also explained.

The article on commemorative halves from the June *Numismatist* was read and enjoyed.

Refreshments were served by the hostess.

— O. K. BOOTHE
Secretary-Treasurer

ATLANTA COIN CLUB — 437th meeting May 17, Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Ga.; Vice President Robert C. Davis presided; 22 present.

An article was read from the May issue of *The Numismatist* describing the promotion of "Wheaties, Breakfast of Champions" in distributing genuine minor foreign coins, and a large box of Wheaties displayed at the meeting was given to a junior visitor, Jimmy McDonald.

A few sets of the club's 25th anniversary round wooden nickels are still available. Orders may be sent, with check for 50 cents a set, to Edwin Harrison, 2018 Albany Drive, S.W., Atlanta, Ga.

The feature of the evening was a talk by Philip S. Reed and Dr. Robert E. Latta on "Coins of the World," in which interesting historical facts were brought out about the coins they displayed. Of outstanding interest was Dr. Latta's display, a large map of the world encircled by coins with lines drawn to the respective countries.

— MARGARET C. MCAULEY
Secretary and Treasurer

ATLANTA COIN CLUB — 438th meeting June 21, Henry Grady Hotel; Pres. George M. Todd presiding; 22 present.

It was generally agreed that plastic holders are the best container for proof coins, that proofs if kept in the original envelopes as issued by the mint would in time spot, but that being sealed in new cellophane envelopes keep them in

brilliant condition. Everyone agreed a proof coin should never be cleaned. Numismatic magazines and newspapers were also displayed and described at the meeting. (See "Top of the Clubs.")

Members were proud to have on display a complete set of Dahlonega gold. Jackson Bennett of Gainesville, owner of the set, told how he started gathering the 60 piece set only four years ago and had completed it with purchases at the 1954 A.N.A. convention. Almost the entire set is uncirculated. Among the scarcest of the coins he pointed out the 1861 \$1, the 1855 and 1856 \$1, the 1854 \$3. His 1858 \$1 piece, a clear strike, is believed to be the best in existence.

Other displays: Leroy D. Martin, 8 presidential medals; Robert C. Davis, 88 tokens.

— MARGARET C. MCAULEY
Secretary and Treasurer

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB — Meeting July 7th; 23 present; Orin Jennings presided; auction.

Philip G. Straus displayed his collection of half dimes, including the excessively rare 1796 over 95, and splendid specimens of all the early dates. Collection complete less eight minor coins. (See Top of the Clubs.)

— W. T. WESSEL
Secretary

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB — Meeting July 21st; I.O.O.F. Hall; 21 present; Orin Jennings presided.

Exhibits:

Philip G. Straus: Roman as of Pecunium, 168 B.C., wt. 404.35 grams. (See "Top of the Clubs.") Also displayed struck silver sesterte of Hadrian, 138 A.D., one of four known, according to Dr. Freeman. Also, iron cross medal of Capt. Koenig and the submarine *Deutschland*, commemorating the first Atlantic crossing by sub., from Bremerhaven, Germany, to Hampton Roads, Va. Also displayed 4" square, uniface medal depicting the prow of the *Vaterland* (later recommissioned the *Leviathan*) made from the turbine blades of the original ship. 100 copies of this bronze medal were made, and this copy was obtained by Mr. Straus while he was storehouse superintendent of the Brooklyn Navy Yard during W. W. I.

Morgan W. Hayes and Andrew G. Monath displayed seven sestertii and three tetradrachms.

Orin Jennings displayed ancient Attican, Greek and Roman from the 6th century B.C. to 3rd century A.D., including all of the Biblical series, through 70 A.D.

Herbert Phillips displayed U.S. freaks, ancient double strike of Aurelian; Roman silver, debased silver and silver washed pieces; Greek and Hellenistic bronzes and coppers.

— W. T. WESSEL
Secretary

BERGEN COUNTY COIN CLUB (N. J.) — 14th meeting July 28; Pres. Anton presided; RiverEdge Boro. Firehouse; (See "Top of the Clubs."); 28 present.

Cecil Ryan was unanimously voted

our second honorary member. He gave us a talk on the A.N.A., its aims and purposes, and spoke also on numismatics in general.

Exhibits:

Wm. T. Anton: Proof sets 1936-1942.
Arthur B. Bloch: Proof sets 1936 through 1942; McArthur comm. set; 44 Canadian tokens.

Aaron R. Feldman: 24 German thalers.

Horace R. Jones: 1954 South African proof set.

Reese Jones: N. J. cent, 1787; pattern ½ dollar Longacre type "C", 1859.

Harry C. Mathews: 30 five-franc patterns of France, 1831, 1848, 1932.

Anton Mayer: Complete set of Lincoln cents - less 1922-D.

George E. Meyer - Set of U. S. coins, 1883 - 1c to \$1.00

C. L. Ragot: Medal comm. opening Eiffel tower; wooden nickels - Quakertown, Pa.; six 2" medals comm. events in Europe, 1764-1833; five Russian kopeks 1792.

T. L. Schnur: Monaco proof set, 3 dollars - 1854.

L. A. Stafford: Canadian cents and nickels; 3 large cents - 1837, 1849, 1851.

Walter Stefanacci: Small cents; comm. halves.

M. Zingale: Complete Canada dollars; mint sets 1951-1955.

Gerald VanDyk: Collection of Buffalo nickels.

- LOREN A. STAFFORD
Secretary

BIRMINGHAM COIN CLUB - 126th meeting July 18th; 17 present.

Halsey Townes gave a talk which, if possible, should be made available to all interested in Confederate currency. Approximate prices were shown for each of 65 types and the least expensive type was listed for the benefit of the average purchaser. Rarest are the early 1861 issues from Montgomery before the capitol was moved to Richmond. The talk was supported by quotations from Bradbeer and Chase; representative types were shown.

- ADILE M. WATKINS
Secretary and Treasurer

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - 856th meeting June 7th; Pres. Tuttle presided.

The society endorsed Leonel Panosh for A.N.A. president; Oscar Dodson for first vice president; Messrs. Reagan, Klein and Curtis to continue in their present offices; and Messrs. Anderson, Ryan, Sherer, Sipe and Smedley for the board of governors.

Frederic E. Seeton of our society has done a sound, analytical job in promoting a \$2 gold coin to help finance the U.S. teams in the 1956 Olympics to be held in Australia.

This was exhibit night, with each member talking on his material while it was shown on the balopticon. Exhibits:

Laura Levesque: Proof sets of U. S., Canada, S. Africa; crowns of various countries, U. S. and Canadian tokens and dollars; ancient Greek and Roman coins; telephone medals.

Frank Liberty: Crown sized coins, Roman coins and a Turkish 500 piastre in gold.

Lewis Pollard: Fractional currency; rupees of Tibet, Burma, etc.; Chinese tael; Ulm 1704 thaler; U. S. half cent, double struck; Spanish American 8 reales cob.

June Pond: Medals of the Renaissance, Napoleon and U. S.; silver Waterloo

medal and the Crucifixion by Reinhardt in silver-gilt.

Noe Simard: Flower medals of the Mass. Historical Society, silver, 1929, gold, 1933; bronze medal Mass. Charitable Mechanic Assoc. 1895; silver medal Essex Agricultural Society of Mass.; 20th anniversary of Engineers Club in bronze and bronze medal of Maj. Gen. Z. Taylor issued by congress in 1848.

Earl Tuttle: Shooting Thalers.

Our society congratulates Matt Rothbert of Arkansas for his fine work on having the inscription "In God We Trust" on our currency. This received a lot of publicity in the Boston papers.

Plans were made to display the exhibit shown at the Home Savings Bank during National Coin Week at the Institution for Savings, Boston, in September. This was especially requested by the latter bank.

- JUNE T. POND
(for James F. Clapp, Jr.
Secretary)

BROOKLYN COIN CLUB - 265th meeting July 6th, Granada hotel; Vice President Thomas J. Wass III presided; 40 present.

Exhibits:

Wm. T. Anton: \$10 legal tender 1880, D2631 and C71 and \$5 U. S. note 1880-B.

Walter Breen: 1794 to 1857 half cents and collection of colonial paper money.

Austin DiPalma: 1888 Canada large cent; 1884 France 5 centimes, 1868 U. S. 3c, 1875-S U. S. 20c and some freak bills.

Aaron R. Feldman: 1954 South Africa proof set including gold.

Harvey A. Friedman: 1925 Norse thick medal.

Michael Granis: Pontius Pilate widow's mite, ½ and 1 shekel of Tyre.

Rev. Frank Hutchins: 60 varieties and 3 subvarieties of U. S. half cents, four civil war tokens, two unc. Mex. 5 centavos, 1954 and 1955, 1950 Mex. 5 pesos.

Max L. Kaplan: \$3 gold unc. 1854, 1856, and 1859 and 1879.

Sidney H. Kitzler: 1955 South Africa proof set, silver coins of Denmark, West Indies, Dominican Republic.

M. Koplik: 1900 Lafayette dollar.

Dr. L. H. Lippman: 1954 South Africa crown, unc.

Anton Mayer: \$5 freak federal reserve note, \$10 national currency 1929, 5c fractional currency, uncut strip of three with green seal.

Victor Melnechuck: 20 silver escudos of Portugal, 1953 unc.

Vincent A. Nicoletti: Tiroler thaler 1486 unc.

Miss Rachel M. Passione: Collection of silver dollars.

Philip Ribner: Half eagle 1803 over 2, \$1 Minneapolis currency, freak \$1 obverse reverse, \$10 silver cert. Morgenthau 34A, \$10 fed. res. note Vinson-Minneapolis.

Philip Rosenbaum: 1945 proof set, 1955 proof set with gold, South Africa.

T. L. Schnur: Collection of seated liberty silver dollars.

Thomas J. Wass III: U. S. half cents 1835 and 1857, large cents 1853, 1855 and 1856, all unc.

Moe Weinschel: Dom. Rep. peso 1897, Denmark rigsdaler 1833, Danzig Free State 5 gulden 1923, Siam mongkut 4 tical, Cheng Ming Tung Pao.

- SIDNEY H. KITZLER
Recording Secretary

CAMDEN COUNTY COIN CLUB - 17th meeting July 25th, Walt Whitman Hotel, E. Camden, N. J.; Vice President J.

Harold Wells presided; 19 present; Dutch auction.

We discussed at great length the past National Coin Week, and we are quite proud that we, a club only a year old, received honorable mention in class "B." This was our first entry into any competition, and to finish in fourth place with such keen competition was far above our expectations.

Exhibits:

H. Rodgers: 1837 half dollar, plain edge; 1864 proof 3 cent silver.

A. Kaptik: 1950 and 1953 proof sets mounted in lucite blocks (voted best of evening).

— HARMON K. RODGERS
Corresponding Secretary

CHICAGO COIN CLUB—438th meeting July 13, La Salle hotel; Vice President Ted Pokorney presided; 48 present; auction.

Exhibits:

Glenn Smedley: Banknote of State Bank of Savannah, Ga., designated by exhibitor as the Lazy 5 note.

Harry X Boosel: 1921 Morgan proof dollar.

George Habermehl: Two South Africa proof sets and hand carved model of an 1804 dollar about 8 inches in diameter.

Earl C. Brown: Japan yen 1955, Japan 5 momme 1764-71; silver certificate with interesting numbers.

Chairmanship of the 1956 A.N.A. convention committee will be assumed by Glenn Smedley, replacing Clyde Grimm who resigned for business reasons. Wooden nickels, publicizing the convention, will be distributed without charge.

— MICHAEL M. DOLNICK
Secretary

CINCINNATI NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—July meeting, Metropole Hotel; Pres. Dan Feist presided; 18 present.

A.N.A. slides of the "Types of Commemorative Half Dollars" were shown by R. L. Jungclas, and narrated by G. Parvin.

Exhibits:

R. Rogers: 1931-S Lincoln cent.

F. Heimerding: Fractional currency mounted in glass case.

T. Rogers: 1875-S 20c piece (unc.); Japanese 2 Bu. silver bar.

H. Kleine: 1 stiver.

G. Parvin: Complete unc. set of commemorative half dollars.

R. L. Jungclas: 1954 proof set.

H. Meiss: Six commem. half dollars.

F. Howe: Two 1955 Canadian mint sets.

E. McBrayer: Two Roman coins (one gold and one silver).

M. Fessenden: Unc. type set of commemorative half dollars.

— M. S. FESSENDEN
Secretary

COLUMBUS OHIO NUMISMATIC CLUB

—280th meeting, Neil House Hotel July 11; 38 present; Vice President Frank Spencer presided. The feature of the evening was a quiz program on numismatics directed by Dr. A. Dvorak, with a panel of experts doing a fine job answering various questions. Our club meets the second Monday night of each month at the Neil House Hotel; visitors are invited.

— MRS. L. BURTON
MRS. R. DALE

DAYTON COIN CLUB—179th meeting June 2, Miami Hotel; 18 present; auction. There was quite a discussion on the "eleven dollar" bill in news clippings.

Also Mr. Banner discussed the \$20 gold piece of 1933.

— JOSEPH MORITZ
Assistant Secretary

DAYTON COIN CLUB—180th meeting July 7; Miami Hotel; Pres. Banner presided; 19 present. A.N.A. slides "Coins of Colonial America," were shown. (See "Top of the Clubs.")

— JOSEPH MORITZ
Assistant Secretary

EAST BAY COIN CLUB, OAKLAND, CALIF.—July 7 meeting; Pres. Eaton presided; 58 present; auction.

Walt Ritchie and Don Thrall reported on their trip to the Parks air force base hospital. It was pointed out that most interested patients are bedridden. Requests were made for numismatic books and magazines to be distributed by the Red Cross. (See "Top of the Clubs.")

Exhibits:

Roy Hill: Book on China; copper coin of Prince of Wales Island.

E. A. Parker: 1937 English coronation set in gold.

Clifford Bloom, Chile 10 peso gold of 1863.

A. D. Craig: Small knife of Liu (coin of Chon China) 300 B.C.

John Ohls: 20th century commemorative coins showing equestrians.

A. G. K. Jakobsen: 16 gold dollars; 1853 California octagonal gold dollar; two \$20 and book on small California gold coins.

Jim Hunt: Growth of his collection from a British penny to United States gold in 12 years of collecting.

Charles Bigelow: Panama set of 1904; small U. S. coins.

Leo Young: \$5 and \$10 demand note; \$5 and \$10 1862 legal tender; \$10 refunding certificate; 1856 proof set.

Don Thrall: \$10 note of Wells Fargo Nevada National Bank and silver 50 year medal of Wells Fargo.

Fred Montague introduced the speaker of the evening, Col. Waddell F. Smith of San Rafael, one of the direct descendants of one of the founders of the pony express, which was the subject of his talk.

— DON T. THRALL
Secretary

FORT WORTH COIN CLUB—10th meeting July 7, Frisco Building; James D. White, vice president, presided; 46 present; auction. James D. White gave a very interesting discussion on his type set gold coin collection. Tentative design of the club emblem was presented in multigraph form to the members present.

— R. E. WALLACE
Acting Reporter

GREATER CLEVELAND JUNIOR COIN CLUB—24th meeting July 15, Parma public library; Pres. Roger Lisy presided; 11 present; auction. The club cast its ballot for A.N.A. officers.

Exhibits:

Michael Kolman, Jr.: Canadian sovereigns 1910, 1911, 1917, 1918; Crown of Edward VIII; pattern 1802 and 1803 large cents; proof Magdalen Island penny; Ferdinand and Isabella gold.

Kenneth Petche: Complete 20th century type set unc. and proof.

— KENNETH PETCHE
Secretary

INDIANAPOLIS COIN CLUB—176th meeting June 22; Pres. Jack Hutchinson presided. We regret to announce the

death of Steven P. Zipoff, an esteemed member.

R. Fiscus, 1956 CSNS convention general chairman, stated that he would be convening a meeting of all appointed staff members in a few weeks, and commented on the type of badge to be procured for all those in attendance.

Exhibits:

W. Hicks: Foreign coins distributed by "Wheaties."

F. Claffey: 3 Cuban commemoratives; specimens of Edward VIII coins (never placed in general circulation).

R. Brown: Bar of mint silver weighing 29.27 ounces and of 999.75 fineness.

J. Hutchison: Specimens of St. Gaudens \$20, both the high relief and ordinary types; silver and gold Von Hindenburg medals, 5 mark pattern; three Franz Josef medals.

R. Fiscus: Large cents depicting "die-varieties," "over-dates," "corrective-errors" etc.

J. Hutchison read and commented upon the current price of pure silver at about 90½¢ an ounce; the proposed new Salk polio dime and why it would not likely materialize; the difficulty of finding perfect specimens of 1954 coins due to imperfect and reworked dies.

— FRANCIS C. KEITH
Secretary

LONG ISLAND COIN CLUB—29th meeting June 24; Pres. Foster M. Jenkins presided; 18 present.

Exhibits:

V. W. Alones: Indian head set 1909-S missing.

R. R. Baumann: Various comm. half dollars.

Robert Cohn: Unc. coins of Ecuador and Norway.

C. J. Edgar: 1949 mint sets and large cents.

M. Granis: Frame showing ancient Chinese pu or pants money and modern Chinese money.

Foster M. Jenkins: New issue of Venezuela.

Joseph Lunz: 1879 unc. quarter—1834 unc. ½ dollar Hazeltine No. 4.

R. Picker: 1787 N. J. cent double struck; 1783 Nova Constellatio Crosby 2b; 1786 Vermont Ryder 6; 1787 Vermont Ryder 14; 1788 Vermont Ryder 19.

A. D. Phillips: Tokens and medals, various metals.

Milton Smith: Brill. unc. roll of 1935-D nickels.

Hugh Stone: Civil war tokens.
Oscar L. Susskind: General Grant medal made in Switzerland.

B. Thompson: Comm. half dollars.

Dr. T. A. Vince: Norse American medals thin and thick—1796 spade guinea.

E. Voight: 1952 South Africa proof set inc. gold; 1950 Canada set.

R. A. Yarnall: Small gold coin set unc.; 1889-CC half dollar, 1949-S unc. dime.

Joseph Salerno: \$5 gold unc. 1901-CC.
Robert J. Schoeck: Mexico 8 reales 1803; Frankfurt thaler 1861; Dutch ducatoon 1620; Silver denarius Rome 268 B.C.

— VINCENT W. ALONES
Secretary

LOUISVILLE COIN CLUB—Meeting July 5; Pres. Harry Tileston presided; 17 present. The program included the slides on fractional currency sent out by the A.N.A. Mrs. L. S. Ferneau showed the club her collection of 23 different kinds of fractional currency.

— JOHN COSGROVE
Reporter

LOUISVILLE COIN CLUB—Meeting July 19; Henry Clay Hotel; Pres. Harry Tileston presided; 15 present; auction.

— JOHN COSGROVE
Reporter

MIAMI COIN CLUB—81st meeting, Y.M.C.A., July 21; Former President Pollard presided; 20 present.

Exhibits:

Bill Steinberg: U. S. gold 1795, 1800, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1810; Vatican gold and minor sets of 1939 through 1946.

Fred Lakosky: Coins from countries beginning with the letter J and the smallest silver piece from India.

Otto Sghia: Denarii of Julius Caesar, Mark Antony, Octavian; half dollars of 1794-5-6-7; Crowns of J countries.

— ESTA. WEGNER
Secretary

MEMPHIS COIN CLUB—Meeting July 18. We showed another A.N.A. slide. These slides are very good and there is a lot of very interesting information to be had from them. We also had some very good talks by the members.

— W. H. BRODERICK
Secretary

NORTH DAKOTA COIN CLUB—54th meeting May 17th; George Kollmann host; Pres. L. H. Fredricks presided. Officers for the ensuing year are: President, O. Leonard Orvedal; Vice President, Allen J. Anderson; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Hugh Mangskau. Mrs. Fred Tunell was re-appointed district secretary. Dr. Roger Berg exhibited a collection of silver dollars.

— HELEN L. MANGSKAU
Secretary

OAK PARK COIN CLUB—53rd meeting, Community Chest Rooms, Oak Park, Ill., June 10; 41 members present; unlisted auction. (See "Top of the Clubs.")

Exhibits:

Harry Flower: Set of unc. educational currency; unc. \$10 and \$20 gold certificates; unc. 1869, 1880 legal tender \$1, \$2, \$5, inc. 1902 national banknotes \$5, \$10 and \$20.

Earl Salisbury: Unc. Isabella 25c, Lafayette dollar, trade dollar unc. Philippine Comm. Douglas MacArthur 1936-47 unc. Type set ½¢ to 50c Philippine Islands 1908 proof set.

M. E. Burritte: Unique Washington quarter on copper 1c planchet.

Clyde Grimm: Case of beautiful colonials.

— T. J. HICKEY
Secretary-Treasurer

OKLAHOMA CITY COIN CLUB—188th meeting July 26th, Liberty National Bank building; Pres. J. B. Sureck presided; 25 present.

The Newell slide set on "Coins of Colonial America" was projected by Ralph Osborne and the commentary read by W. J. Dale.

Exhibits:

C. B. Moon: Set of large cents.
Mrs. Love: 1835 dime.
Mrs. Galbraith: Roll of 1955-S dimes.
Claude Farwell: 25c token of the 101 Ranch and Deadwood Central RR token.

Helen Canale: Two coin boards each filled with 15 current foreign coins put out by Wheaties.

— HELEN CANALE
Secretary

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB - Pres. Winn Osborne presided; 113 present; 203rd meeting May 25th, Brea, Calif.; auction.

Special recognition was given to Kenneth L. Nichols for his splendid coin exhibit at Balboa during National Coin Week.

Stewart Bingham, collector of the month, spoke about his special interest in coin collecting. Vreeland Fraser had on display an outstanding arrangement of U. S. proof sets.

Abe Kosoff was the guest speaker. His subject, "Money Talks" was something different. Using the best known coins of ancient Greece and of Alexander the Great, he recited in story form the history behind these coins.

- HERBERT M. BERGEN
Secretary

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB - 204th meeting June 22, Brea, Calif.; Pres. Winn Osborne presided; 103 present; auction.

The program was devoted to a grand slam display of beautiful coins, mostly proof and uncirculated, including many rare items seldom seen or displayed. Each exhibitor gave a short talk about his display. Leading off was Ben W. Williams, collector of the month, with a U. S. gold type set, Mexican gold type set, and a large variety of other U. S. and foreign gold. He told how he became a collector when a high school student.

Other exhibitors were:

Vreeland Fraser: U. S. proof coins.
Charles Ruby: Complete set of U. S. flying eagle pattern cents; U. S. gold commemorative coins in proof; 1798/7 dime, 13 stars; U. S. silver dollars, proof and uncirculated; two 1794 silver dollars.

Dr. Verner G. Rich: Japanese gold coins and medals, two gold decorated Samurai swords.

Dr. Calvert L. Emmons: Complete set U. S. gold dollars, U. S. gold type set, 1867 and 1868 U. S. proof sets, complete set of Buffalo nickels, various sets of U. S. currency.

Dr. C. Glenn Curtis: U. S. silver dollars from 1794 to 1935; U. S. fractional currency shield, Swedish plate money.

Herbert M. Bergen: U. S. minor coins (small cents, 2 cents, 3 cent nickel and silver, nickels, half dimes, dimes, 20 cent and quarter dollars, complete with exception of few rarities).

- HERB BERGEN
Secretary

OREGON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - Meeting July 11, Benson Hotel, Portland; 40 present. John Henry told about his recent trip to Yellowstone Park. James Padden gave an interesting talk on an illustrated Japanese coin catalog. These showed the way dies were cast and blanks were made, reducing lathe, etc. This catalog may be obtained from Morning Sun Newspaper, Tokyo, Japan.

Exhibits:

E. R. Cheeseman, Barber halves; R. W. Bailey Canadian 1c; Robert L. Homes, Jefferson nickels, uncirculated set in plastic; Bud Larson, crowns of Great Britain; John Burnham, coins of Mexico; Jack Wong, Canadian crowns; Joe Shearman, Canada shiplasters; Bill Henry, Gold pieces and a counterfeit \$10 bill; L. Salerno, 1 yen Japanese aluminum; J. C. Busnell, fine set of half dimes; John Trout, Indian head cents and bronze nickels; S. L. Burnaugh, wooden money.

- MR. AND MRS. CLYDE L. DAVIS
Secretaries

PHILADELPHIA COIN CLUB - 240th meeting, Benjamin Franklin Hotel June 21; Vice President George Magee presided. Robert Ferris with deep regret informed the members of the circumstances of the sudden death of Paul K. Yeagley, club president, on June 2. A moment of silence was observed in his memory, and secretary read a testimonial minute prepared for insertion in the club's records and for presentation in bound form to Pres. Yeagley's family as a token of the regard and esteem in which he was held. The secretary also read a letter of sympathy received from Mrs. Rae V. Beister, superintendent of the Philadelphia mint.

In deference to the memory of Pres. Yeagley, the usual entertainment and auction were dispensed with for the evening.

- JOSEPH A. BYERS
Secretary

PHILADELPHIA COIN CLUB - 241st meeting, July 19, 1955; Acting Chairman Alexander Kaptik presided; 38 present; auction. The meeting was held in the auditorium of the Elwyn Training School, Elwyn, Pa., after a picnic in the school woods, arranged by Dr. E. Arthur Whitney. This was an informal get-together at which wives were present and all became better acquainted.

Julius Windner read the resolution to be presented to the family of Pres. Paul Yeagley, who passed away suddenly on June 2.

Julius Windner showed the only exhibit of the evening - two medals by J. Otto Schweizer, one of the Pennsylvania national guard, 28th division, world war I, and the other of the Pennsylvania national guard, Mexican service, 1916.

- JOSEPH A. BYERS
Secretary

PONTIAC COIN CLUB - 66th meeting June 7th, YMCA; 25 present; auction.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB - June 16 meeting; 37 present; auction; Pres. Yribarne presided. After Dewey Eastman, Koin Klecker of the month told of new Judean coins dug up in the old country, Program Chairman Burke showed slides of early issues of American paper currency. We all appreciate these instructive slides.

- L. L. BROWN
Secretary

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB - Meeting July 21 VFW clubhouse, San Bernardino; 33 present; Dr. Calvert L. Emmons presided; auction.

The program consisted of two talks by members on their special interest at the moment, and a sight unseen auction, in which was hidden a \$5 1900-P gold piece.

William Gustine displayed a full set of the large presidential medals, which he had mounted in a double glass frame. Also the 1873 proof set, (most coins), 1876 and 1909 proof set, drew favorable comments.

Andrew Verbance next showed and explained an uncirculated set of Morgan dollars (except 1895) and his prize type set of U.S. currency.

- L. L. BROWN
Secretary

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COIN CLUB - 46th meeting, July 15; Floyd Lewis presided; 76 present; auction. (See "Top of the Clubs.")

- NELLIE LEWIS
Secretary

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COIN CLUB — July 20 meeting, Green hotel, Pasadena, Calif.; Pres. Robert Williams presided; 20 present; auction.

Displays were made by the following members: Mr. Kabealo, 1830 quarter eagle; Mr. Sanders, Hawaiian dollar; Mr. McCormac, German war tokens; Mr. Harris complete set of Barber dimes; Mr. O'Brien, colonial paper money; Mr. Reberry, 1849-C quarter eagle.

Mr. Bennett introduced Dr. Pradeau who spoke on the gold issues and mints of Mexico.

— RALPH C. GRAVES
Corresponding Secretary

TOPEKA COIN CLUB — Meeting July 28, Coca-Cola Building; Pres. Slingerland presiding; 15 present. (See "Top of the Clubs.")

— F. L. SNIDER
Secretary

TORONTO COIN CLUB — Meeting July 23rd, Director G. Max Skinner presided.

Exhibits:
Max Skinner: Eleven British crowns and gold unite of James the First.

Clare Kekewich: Plastic individual coin cases for U. S. coins.

Pete Favro: Silver A.N.A. membership medal, and a collection of flint Indian arrowheads.

Russell Martel: "One obolus" piece of the Ionian Islands of 1834.

— PETER S. FAVRO
Secretary

WEST TENNESSEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — Ninth meeting July 11, Community Room of the National Bank of Commerce at Jackson; 18 in attendance.

Pres. H. Leroy Pope presided and announced that the club had been awarded second place in the National Coin Week awards for 1955, in the Class B group. He called attention to the July *The Numismatist* which contained announcements of the Coin Week awards, including a picture of Sgt. John Paul Butler and his collection, and other items on the activities of the society.

R. N. James donated copies of *The Numismatist* from 1938 to 1941, to supplement previous issues he had donated to the society library.

J. J. Smith, Jr., suggested that the collection and work of Sgt. Butler had played a large part in the National Coin Week award to the club and donated several valuable coins for auction, the proceeds of which would be used toward sending Sgt. Butler to the national convention. Pres. Pope acted as auctioneer for these and other lots.

— J. LOUIS ADAMS
Secretary

WESTCHESTER COUNTY COIN CLUB — 252nd meeting, New Rochelle Y.M.C.A., July 19th; Pres. J. Earl Massey presided; 16 present.

Raymond Gallo read an interesting paper on papal coins.

Exhibits:
L. F. Barcus: Otto I, 962-964, Dannenberg 11.

Wm. Lighte: 11 silver dollars 1795-1803, two types 1799 and 1801; six dollars 1840-1861; four proof dollars 1873; 1875 trade, 1881 trade; nine dollars 1921-1928, 1934 and 1935; 19 Morgan 1878-1921.

J. Earl Massey: 37 silver dollars 1795-1935 and 3 Mexican 8 reales.

Raymond Gallo: Papal crowns, 32 pieces, 1585-1740.

Edward Jarvis: 1864 trial 2c piece in mixed metal; regular dies 3 struck

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E. Weidhaas: U. S. silver dollars complete 1795-1873, with the exception 1804-1851-1852.

Wm. Pearson: Double thalers of Austria, Leopold. Joseph, and Charles VI; thalers Brandenburg 1629, teutonic order of knights 1616 and 1624, 1644 and 1677, Hesse Darmstadt 1833, 5 marks, Saxony 1914 5 marks.

Mrs. Weidhaas: 12 crowns 1614-1779.
— EDYTHE J. MAHONY
Secretary

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — Meeting July 5, Carnegie Museum library; Pres. DeVos presided; 12 present.

Mr. DeVos thanked the society for his election as president and expressed his hope that the coming year would be successful.

Exhibits:
A. E. Coatsworth: Complete set of U. S. commemorative gold dollars and quarter eagles.

Robert S. Porter: Gold drachma of Tarentum; South Africa mint set, 1953; Canada mint set, 1953; German proof set, 1951; six U. S. commemorative half dollars.

J. M. Kennedy: Four English commemorative medals; two Victorian pieces; Australian shilling, 1954.

W. C. Piper: Thirty-six commemorative bronze medals of United States and Germany; also several Masonic medals.

Prosper E. DeVos: Five marks. Germany. Von Hindenberg commemorative 1919-1929 proof; 5 marks Von Hindenberg 1934 proof; silver medal 80th birthday Von Hindenberg 1927; Luxemburg 100-50-20 Francs, 1946; South Rhodesia crown, 1953.

R. A. Coleman: Twelve papal medals in silver. Pius V, VI, IX, XI, Clement XI and XIV, Innocent XI, Benedict XIII, Leo XII.

Earl H. Compton: Eisenhower 1952 commemorative medal; Franklin D. Roosevelt Atlantic charter medal; Gen. Douglas MacArthur Philippines 50 centavos.

Richard T. Foley: Eleven pieces of Chinese temple money and coins dating from 14 A.D. to 1800.

— RICHARD T. FOLEY
Secretary

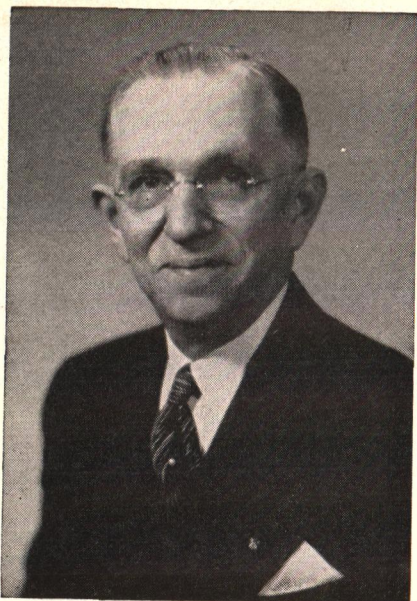
WESTERN RESERVE NUMISMATIC CLUB — 413th meeting, Hotel Carter July 13; Russell Poxon presiding; 30 present; auction.

Displays:
Edgar Bell: Roman coins.
Joe Lucas: Merchandising tokens.
Frederick Brew: Ten different dollar size coins of Africa in proof and unc.
Joe Simco: 1955 mint set of Canada.
Dr. Sargis: ½ shekel used as a tax for the upkeep of the temple; three pillar dollars; two buttons off of George Washington's uniform; six Georges of England.

Judge Sawicki: Coins of Julius Caesar; Independence medal of 1876; silver medal of Schiller, and a thaler of Henneberg.

Macy Hallock: Round wooden peg from the Medina county jail built in 1804 and now being torn down; also pie crimpers made from large cents and ½ cents by Civil War prisoners held in jail.

— FRED N. HAHLEN
Secretary



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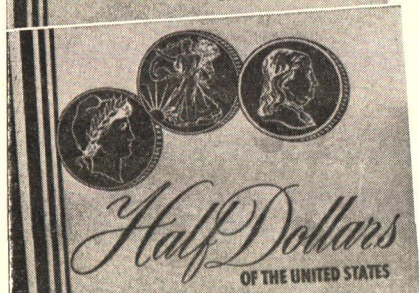
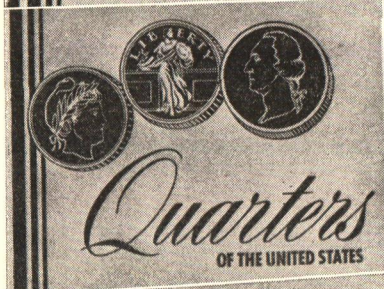
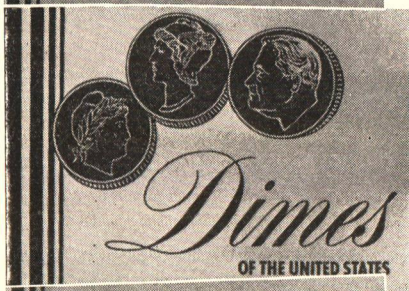
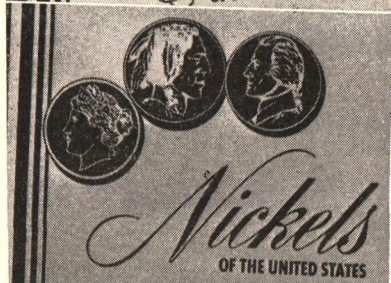
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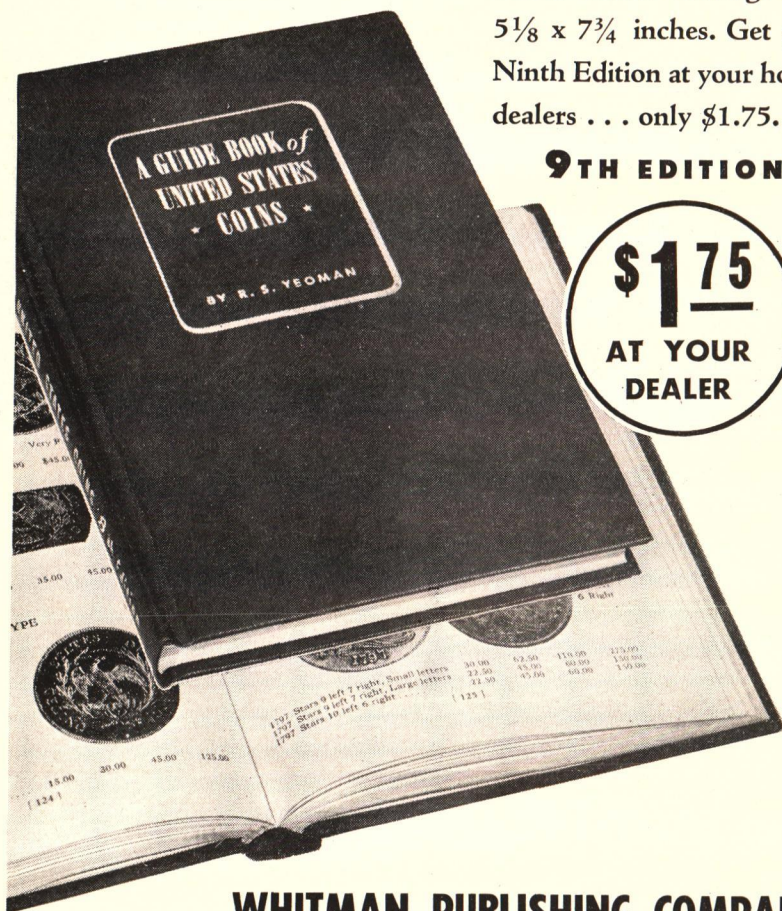
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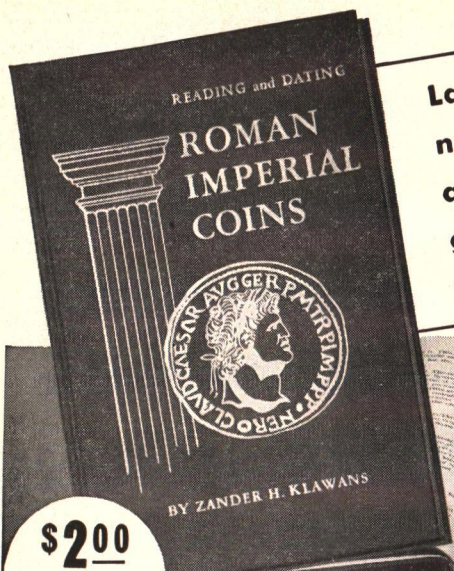
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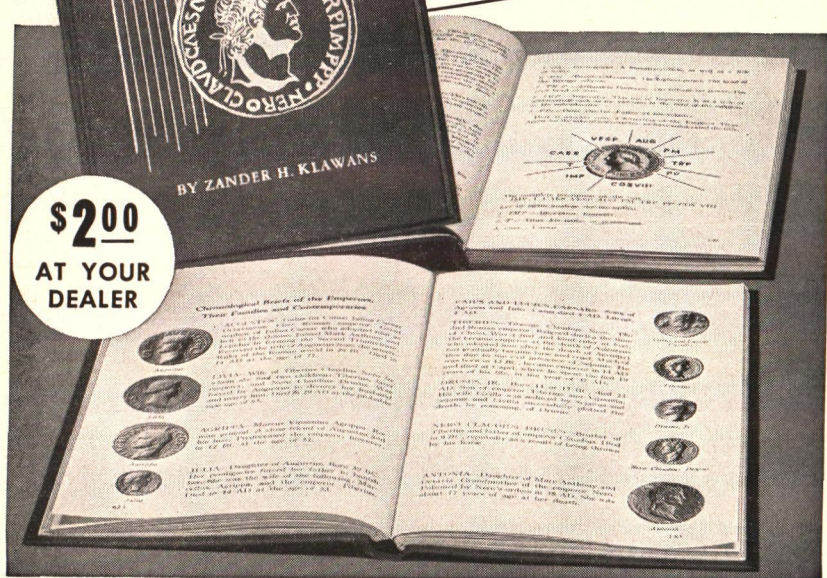
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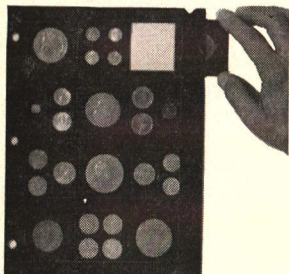
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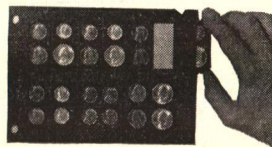
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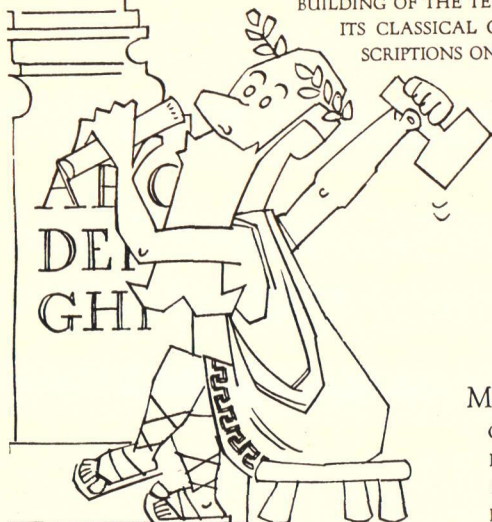
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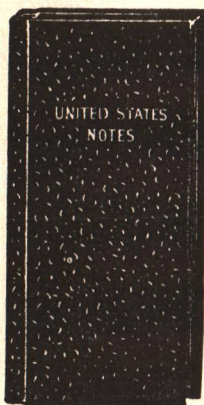
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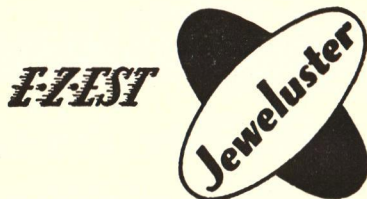
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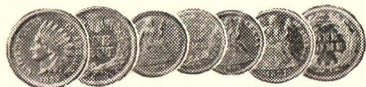
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